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## WA no to \$10 mil. plan

The West Australian federation has just rejected an ambitious \$10 million plan put forward by a State government taskforce team to change the face of the game in WA.

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consisting of eight teams which would play all their games at the super-stadium.

The government offered to fund this scheme to the tune of \$5 million, with another \$5 million expected from private enterprise.

The proposals involved the current WASF executive step-

ping down to be replaced by the taskforce committee on an interim basis. The interim committee could then only be over-ruled by a two-thirds majority of the clubs making up the federation.

The WA government has been wary of the WASF executive from the time it first set up the taskforce committee. It denied the WASF representation on the committee as it was feared that it would act only to protect its vested interests.

The government did eventually agree to the WASF's request to be represented on the taskforce committee but the representative, Lew Temov, resigned last November as he did not agree with the direction the committee was taking.

The suggested eight-team league would have replaced the State League as WA's premier competition, but the teams competing in it would not necessarily have come from State League. Rather, licences would have been offered for \$50,000 each and the clubs would have been selected by the interim committee or its successor, a government-

appointed, five-man Soccer Commission.

However, the government made clear that the taskforce recommendations would only be implemented if the majority of the clubs in the state agreed. An extraordinary meeting of

the WASF was held last week and only 40 percent of clubs voted in favor of the proposals.

Although the taskforce put forward six resolutions to be voted on separately, the meeting chose to vote on the resolutions collectively.

## Socceroo Craig?

Craig Johnston has told Frank Arok that he is "ready and willing" to play for Australia, and as soon as possible.

On hearing the announcement a week and a half ago that Johnston had been ruled ineligible to play for Scotland, the national team boss wasted no time getting in touch with the Liverpool midfielder to talk to him about his international career.

After listening to Arok's plans for the Socceroos, Johnston confirmed that he would love to take part.

Johnston already has been cleared by FIFA to play for Australia and all he is waiting on now is permission from the Liverpool board of directors.

"Obviously," said Arok, "it is going to be very hard to get

Johnston and our other overseas players together for three weeks at a time as we would like but I am hoping that Craig will be able to join us for at least one or two games in Australia this winter. It would be a tremendous boost for the team, and for the game, if he could play for us in our games against Everton and Manchester United."

Although the rules governing eligibility have changed recently, I am also hoping that Craig will be able to play for us in the Olympic qualifying matches."

Liverpool is playing in Israel and Hong Kong at the end of the English season but if Johnston, who last year became the first Australian to score in an FA Cup Final, can get permission from his club, he will be able to come here after those matches.

Johnston already has spoken to Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish who is no stranger to the problem of playing club soccer in one country but playing international soccer for another country.

## STOSIC BACK?



Warren Spink was in the wars at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Les Shorrock's picture shows the Footscray JUST player, being carried off in his team's 2-1 win over Green Gully in the Buffalo Cup. But there's good news for JUST fans as coach Dragoslav Sekularac expects Partizan youth team player Alex Radivojevic to arrive in Australia within three weeks and is confident of bringing star midfielder Vlado Stosic back from Yugoslavia. Stosic made a huge impact on Australian soccer last year and currently is playing with Yugoslav Second Division club Majdanpek, on loan from Red Star Belgrade.

## Pacific Challenge

It's all systems go for this year's inaugural South Pacific Challenge. The competition brings together Australia and New Zealand's top clubs from last season.

The game to be played in Auckland will bring together the two countries' Cup winners, North Shore and Sydney Hakoah. The other game is to be played in Adelaide between the two league champions, Mt Wellington and Adelaide Juventus. Both games should be played in March and the NSL is trying to time the Adelaide game to fit into SBS's television schedule which will also include the Ansett Challenge Cup match between this year's NSW State Bank Cup winner and Victoria's Buffalo Cup winner.

A major sponsor has been arranged and NSL spokesman, Peter Russell, says that details will be announced shortly. The likely dates for the games are Sunday March 8 and Sunday March 15.

Details are to be released in the next week on the format this year for the National Cup. Last year it was sponsored by Nanda. If possible the games will be televised on SBS.

# Partick star heading for Croatia

Melbourne Croatia has signed Partick Thistle midfielder Willie Herd and is set to swoop again soon on another overseas player as it prepares for its assault on the 1987 West End National League title.

Herd, 27, will join Croatia in about three weeks and is quick and aggressive. He's 5'8" and 11½ stone and three seasons ago was the subject of a \$200,000 bid by English club Stoke City.

I believe that Brunswick Juventus also tried to sign Herd after its unsuccessful attempt to woo Glasgow Rangers midfielder Bobby Russell.

I've got good people over there working for me and I wanted to make sure that everything was right before going ahead with the Herd deal," said Melbourne Croatia coach Terry Hennessy.

About a fortnight ago Croatia

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sent a contract to Herd and received it back, fully signed, early this week, so the club now has contacted the Immigration Department and set in motion the wheels necessary to gain a visa for the Scotsman.

Herd first made his mark in senior soccer with East Fife before joining Falkirk in a \$50,000 deal. His move to Partick Thistle came early in the 1980s and his transfer fee was \$20,000. He certainly must have been in fine form early in his career with Thistle as evidenced by Stoke's impressive but unsuccessful bid to win his signature.

Herd is very quick and he's scored six goals from midfield this season. We are very, very fortunate to sign a player of his quality," said Hennessy.

Hennessy's wheeling and dealing won't end with Herd but the Croatia boss was tight-lipped about the identity of the other overseas player he is determined to sign.

Hennessy already has snared the signatures of Robbie Dunn from Adelaide Hellas and Jim MacLennan and Andy Humble from Croydon. Dunn's transfer fee was \$22,000, MacLennan's \$8,000 and Humble's fee was just \$1,500.

The Dunn fee was financed by Steve Gojevic's switch to Preston Makedonia for \$22,500.

Hennessy remains adamant that he'll sign both Alan Davidson and Allan Scott. Davidson, the former Socceroo, failed recently in his quest to gain a free transfer from South Melbourne Hellas, which listed him at \$35,000. The appeals board reduced that figure to \$30,000.



• Terry Hennessy

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Just over two years ago Jack Reilly stood in front of club delegates from all over Victoria and delivered one of the most biting verbal salvos ever directed at a Victorian Soccer Federation board member at a public meeting.

It was the VSF's annual general meeting and Reilly was trying to oust Lou Stafrace from the independent seat on the board.

Reilly succeeded. Just over three months ago Reilly went for broke. The target this time was Michael Weinstein, chairman of the VSF. Again Reilly succeeded.

Reilly now attends ASF executive meetings and is on the World Cup committee and already the rumor-mongers are touting the former Soccerero as a future ASF president.

With good cause too. After all, this is the same Jack Reilly who was an outspoken critic of Sir Arthur George when Rasic was sacked as national coach, isn't it? The Reilly who so often has lambasted the ASF for the way it treats former Soccerero greats and national team players in general, the Reilly who has been a loud disciple of the need for change and who has crowded about the contribution players can make at administrative level for years.

Or is it the same man? "Anyone who talks about me challenging Sir Arthur has got a hole in his head," said Reilly.

"I've been very vocal about the way Sir Arthur ran soccer in this country, in fact I'm still waiting for my gold medal that was promised to me and all the players at Sydney airport in 1974 just before we left for the World Cup Finals in Germany. I'll also never come to terms with sacking a successful coach like Rasic, but I've seen things in a slightly different light since sitting in on ASF executive meetings.

"I can tell you now, without elaborating too much, that if not for Sir Arthur George's personal involvement, the game would be pretty sick in this country but, at the same time, I ask myself why did we allow ourselves to get into such a situation.

"I really believe that the best thing that can happen the way things stand right now is for Sir Arthur to be seen up front at the Gold Cup tournament here next year and to

## Reilly: Sir Arthur should bow out after Gold Cup

use that to bow out with grace and with a lot of style because that will be one of the biggest soccer events ever to be held in this country.

"Then let all the boys throw their marbles onto the table." Now, that's the same Jack Reilly.

Will one of the marbles have the initials "JR" emblazoned upon it, or is Reilly planning a more covert, Dallas-style coup?

"Look, I've got to put up or shut up in Victoria first. Then again, who knows? In time, if people think I'm doing a reasonable job and think that I could do a similar job at that level then I'd have to consider my position."

Maybe one day Reilly will run for parliament. The essential prerequisites are there.

But there's no hedging when it comes to discussing the position of national team coach. "Right now I'm totally in favor of Frank Arok because it was offered with one specific goal in mind — the 1988 Olympic Games.

"We've got to take things one step at a time. If we make it to the Olympics, and I certainly anticipate us doing so, then let's look next to what needs to be done to get us to the World Cup Finals in Italy in 1990.

"I make no secret of the fact that I firmly believe that, in technical terms, Len McKendry is the best coach in Australia, but to be honest, I doubt very much because of, say, personality clashes or politics or whatever you want to call it, that McKendry will coach the national team. But

that happens in many walks of life. Sometimes the best man doesn't get the job in soccer and you end up with a good coach-cum-manager-cum-PR man."

"McKendry has proven himself at representative level with the Victorian team but no one can say that Frank isn't doing a really good job."

Reilly made a controversial ASF executive meeting debut. He wanted to "test the water" as he puts it, and he found out that at times it gets pretty hot.

"Well, we had a few discussions and, to be honest, it got a bit fiery there for a while. People were standing up and yelling at each other but it settled down once we all realised that we were there to try to make the game better. That's the only thing that counts. For far too long the people who support the game — the fans — have been getting a raw deal and it's up to people like us to change that."

Change has been the keynote struck in Reilly's speeches, not just at executive level but at public level. He claims that the ASF and VSF have been reactionary bodies, reacting to crises rather than establishing a structure and instituting policies which minimise the chances of such crises developing.

Reilly, Vito Cilaurio, John Dimtsis, Henry Siwka and John Branov last week held the first meeting of the VSF's forward planning and promotional committee which will take a long, hard look at the league structure of Victorian soccer and formulate a plan that will car-

ry soccer in Victoria into the 1990s.

"Is soccer structured correctly in Victoria? Is the current State League, Victorian League, Provisional League and Amateur League set up the right one? I don't think it is and the meeting we had last week was a no-holds-barred affair. We came up with a lot more wrongs than rights but it's our task to come up with a structure that will maximise the game's development. It will

## Let's have democracy in Australian soccer

Your itinerant columnist begins this week's contribution by taking his hat off — well, figuratively speaking, that is — to our reader Joe Tonna and fellow contributor Andrew Dettre.

From these two gentlemen sprang the germ of an idea a fortnight ago.

Andrew bemoaned the absence of any say by the long suffering soccer masses in deciding who actually runs the administration of the sport in the country.

On an adjoining page Joe responded to my musings about the ASF succession by putting forward Jack Reilly's name. And what a marvellous name it was.

Who among us fails to remember Jack's acrobatic feats between the sticks in years past? It is the stuff memories are made of.

The throwing of his name into the ring, so to speak, only proves that others besides administrators and journeymen are wondering about the post-Arthur George era.

Now then, it is London to a brick on that, the apparatus at the top of soccer's administrative pyramid will ignore prodings about opening up the field.

But there is still a way for soccer lovers to express their preferences in the run-up to 1988.

Do like Joe Tonna did. Grab pen and paper and drop a line to 'Soccer Action', letting us know who you think should be in charge of the Australian Soccer Federation — and why.

Perhaps, just perhaps, if the powers that be see our pages full of the rank and file fans' suggestions week after week they may look outside their ivory little circle when it comes

take time, but changes will be made.

Will it also take time for the wounds inflicted on Stafrace by Reilly's vitriol to heal? While Reilly was winning the chairmanship of the VSF, Stafrace was winning back a place on the board. Does that mean that the VSF chairman doesn't enjoy the full support of his board?

"No, no way. Okay, I gave Lou a hell of a bath back then but that's politics. The politicking is over now and it's down to hard work and Lou is a very hard worker."

Michael Weinstein is a gentleman and to this very day he's a good friend of mine. The very night that I won the chairmanship I made sure that Michael was made honorary life president of the federation and I invited Michael to every board meeting. In fact, he's only missed one. Michael Weinstein can't be lost to the game because he still has a very significant contribution to make.

The significance of Jack Reilly's contribution will become clearer in time but one thing's for certain — Reilly will speak his mind and he

Jack Reilly and John Constantine are two of the most powerful men in Australian soccer. Reilly is chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Constantine is president of the NSW Soccer Federation, and both men are on the ASF executive and the ASF's World Cup committee. In their hands they hold the fortunes of aspirants to the national team coaching position and they can make decisions the effect of which reaches throughout the league structure of the game in their respective States. They also loom large on the horizon as future presidents of the ASF.

doesn't take a backward step when confrontation looms.

"Take me and Sam Papavasas for example. We have some mighty arguments from time to time but at the end of the day we still can

talk to each other. I suppose I have something of a love-hate relationship with Sam but if just one thing comes out of our arguments that helps Australian soccer then that makes it all worthwhile.



### Straight Shooting with PETER SCOTT

to the vote about a year from now.

Not all gold that glitters. One of our younger crop of stars has turned towards Europe and a professional career.

And while Craig Johnston, Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell and Jimmy Patikas have all succeeded beyond most people's wildest dreams, there are cautionary tales available for those who care to listen.

This columnist expressed alarm last year over the loss of that superb midfielder Oscar Crino — of all places — a nondescript Cypriot outfit, Anorthosis.

I voiced my fears that if a club no-one has ever heard of internationally is a more attractive proposition than a season with notoriously well-paying Sydney Croatia, then we are in deep, deep trouble.

What is needed to keep our good 'uns at home? Well, it seems Oscar should also have looked into the "deal" offered a bit deeper. Rumour is all that it was touted to be, all the promises weren't kept.

Possibly, and I only surmise,

the reality of Cypriot soccer — depressingly poor in quality and badly endowed with facilities — has also come as a bit of a shock.

Now Oscar wants to return home — and soon. Unfortunately, FIFA still maintains that he is Anorthosis' property.

How long can we afford to be without a talent of Crino's calibre — and what can be done to help him?

Uproar over flying Frank. Faced with an almighty uproar from club members, Hakoah's soccer bosses last week tried to calm tempers in the wake of Frank Farina's sale to Marconi.

The reasoning offered was as follows: Farina's contract was only to run until the end of the 1987 season, after which it stipulated a transfer fee of no more than \$15,000.

Ergo, \$32,000 in the hand now is much better than \$15,000 later this year.

Hakoah also claims the fleet-footed youngster is receiving triple the payments that he was contracted for with his former club.

Where that leaves Hakoah for the present, though, is anybody's guess.



● Oscar Crino the road to the Olympic finals in 1988.

Schuster v. Barcelona. Something very interesting is brewing in Spain around the scandalous state of relations between Barcelona and its former German enfant terrible Bernd Schuster.

The blond striker will have his day in the Spanish courts next month, seeking damages for defamation and wrongful dismissal by the Catalan club.

He hasn't been in action for some time now, following Barcelona's notification to the Spanish FA that Schuster is being removed from the official list of professional players in the country.

The reason? Mental instability. Schuster's lawyers point out that their client wasn't examined by any doctor prior to his dismissal, therefore the purported medical findings submitted to the national body are either forged or don't even exist.

Schuster's standing in the case is also boosted by the situation within the club. Although leading the league, crowds are falling because of the predictable and downright boring style of Terry Venables' team.

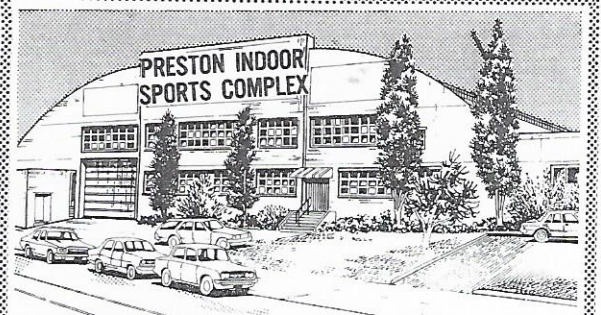
British imports Lineker and Huxley have not become crowd favourites, especially in the case of Hughes.

The rumor around Barcelona's bars talks of a large commission received by coach Venables out of Hughes' signing-on fee.

In the meantime, Real Madrid, Barcelona's deadliest enemy, is toying with the idea of signing the German.

Only two foreigners are allowed in Spanish teams, but of Real's Latin duo Argentine Valdano has applied to take up citizenship, while Mexican striker Sanchez is considering a huge offer from France.

If Schuster's move becomes reality the next time these two teams meet should be some



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# BROKERS

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## Constantine: I have to downplay my ambitions

John Constantine warily treads the same political path that Andrew Peacock now can walk down blindfolded.

Constantine, president of the NSW federation, is at the same time a budding candidate for the highest soccer office in the land and a supporter of ASFC president Sir Arthur George.

"I have to downplay my ambitions. I am a strong supporter of Sir Arthur who has done a good job in very difficult circumstances," said Constantine.

"Sir Arthur has had so many battles to fight — mainly with the National League — and they've all come down to a question of money. He's tried to appease all the factions and he's had trouble with certain sponsors during his reign. I've got my fingers crossed that all the work he's put into organising the Gold Cup tournament here next year pays off because it really will be something to remember."

"Anyway, I've still got a huge job to do here (in NSW). We're the largest federation by far in terms of player registrations and there is a lot of work needed to continually improve the game in NSW."

Promoting youth always has been high on Constantine's list of priorities. He made that clear during his six-year term as president of Sydney Olympic.

"I didn't like imports. I was and remain more interested in the home-grown product. That's where the future of soccer lies in this country."

"I instituted a youth policy at Olympic which produced players such as Peter Raskopoulos, Chris Kalantzis and Tony Dakos."

"I had a belief that rather than getting second raters from overseas we should get locals and if they were of Greek origin then that was a bonus for the club. It had a great effect on our public and Olympic remains one of the best supported clubs in the country."

It was at Olympic that Con-

stantine confronted a problem that besets every club committeeman. It was a head-on confrontation, one that led to his resignation.

"I suppose that I had no more or no less hassles than other people in trying to administer a soccer club but I've got no time for a situation in which supporters place pressure on people who are in honorary positions."

"I'm very critical of that situation and when I resigned from Olympic's board in 1982 all the sound, logical reasons for making decisions had gone."

"Only a few games were left before the end of the season and some members of the committee wanted to sack the coach, Doug Collins, just because we'd lost a few games. I was against it. I said that it was silly to do such a thing at that stage of the season. I told the committee that we were about to announce a \$200,000 sponsorship deal and that I didn't want it jeopardised. I said that if the coach was sacked then I would be forced to resign. Tom Domanis, the current president of the club, supported me on this issue but we were outvoted. I think that some members of the committee didn't really expect me to leave but I did. It was an intolerable situation as far as I was concerned."

But Constantine couldn't stay out of soccer. That would have been even more intolerable. From the day he arrived in Australia at the age of six from his native Cyprus, Constantine played soccer. He played for his school, for the western suburbs representative side, the

APIA Juniors, the now defunct Pan Hellenic and then Granville AEK. His career was cut short in the early 1960s due to a heart murmur, a legacy of the rheumatic fever he suffered from as a child.

A successful academic period followed and Constantine has been a practising solicitor for many years. In 1975 his father, an avid Pan Hellenic fan, volunteered Constantine's services on an honorary basis to Pan Hellenic during the club's last annual general meeting at which its financial ruin was laid bare.

Constantine was involved, on Pan Hellenic's behalf, in Supreme Court litigation and it was that experience which hardened his resolve to plunge headlong into soccer administration.

He joined Olympic's board in 1977 and almost immediately was appointed chairman. After his resignation he spent 1983 "getting to know my son better" and coaching Pagewood's under 14s, a "thoroughly enjoyable experience."

He was asked to join the NSW federation's board of management in 1984 and was elected president that same year. In 1986 he was rewarded for his work, not just in soccer, but throughout the community, when he was awarded the Order of Australia.

"That is the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me and my family and it's something that I treasure and will do always."

Constantine also is proud of the 65-acre development taking place at Valentine Park in

Parklea, the home of the NSW federation.

"Victoria's got a nice little house and I don't say that in a derogatory fashion but our complex is valued well in excess of \$10 million."

"It's a site that our forefathers bought and have slowly developed and it's named in honor of the man who had the foresight to buy it and remains my treasurer and one of my hardest working and most

competent officials to this day — Charles Valentine."

"We've got four soccer pitches, a large gymnasium with an administrative block and we'll eventually complete a 80-room motel thanks to a \$1 million grant from the State government. We'll also have a grandstand to seat 3000 people and a swimming pool. It will be a showpiece for soccer in NSW."

Constantine already has made his mark as president of the NSW federation. He is on the Sydney Cricket Ground trust, as is Nicholas Whitlam, head of the State Bank of NSW, which now is the major sponsor of soccer in that State.

"I raised the possibility of sponsorship with Nick and it developed into one of the biggest things ever to happen to soccer in NSW. The three-year sponsorship is a tremendous breakthrough for our federation and is evidence of the positive attitude taken towards what we're trying to do by one of the most prestigious bodies in the State. That sponsorship will play an important part in the development of soccer in NSW."

## Celtic, Utd, to bring strongest squads

Alex Ferguson and David Hay, managers of Manchester United and Glasgow Celtic respectively, have both personally assured Brian Haffenden, organiser of the Australian international tournament in June, that they will be bringing out their strongest sides possible and will be playing to win.

Meanwhile, Brian Clough, manager of Nottingham Forest, the other British team competing in the tournament against the Australian national team, has said he is looking forward to meeting Frank Ark as they have similar reputations for being outspoken. Last week "Soccer Action" reported that Clough had apologised for, in an unguarded moment, calling African soccer nations "a load of spearthrowers who still go round eating each other."

The match schedule for the four-way tournament has been announced with one game each being played in Melbourne and Sydney, two games in Adelaide, and three games, including the final, to be played in Perth under lights at the WACA.

The three overseas teams committed themselves to bringing over their strongest teams possible, barring injury or international commitments.

Scotland has a fixture which clashes with the early games of the tournament but it is understood that Celtic plans to fly out its Scottish internationals after the Scotland match if they can get here in time for the final games.

The schedule for the 1987 international tournament is:

Sydney: Monday, May 25, Australia v Nottm F. at Parramatta Stadium.

Melbourne: Wednesday, May 27, Australia v Man. Utd at Olympic Park.

Adelaide: Friday, May 29, Nttm F. Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Saturday, May 30, Man. Utd v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

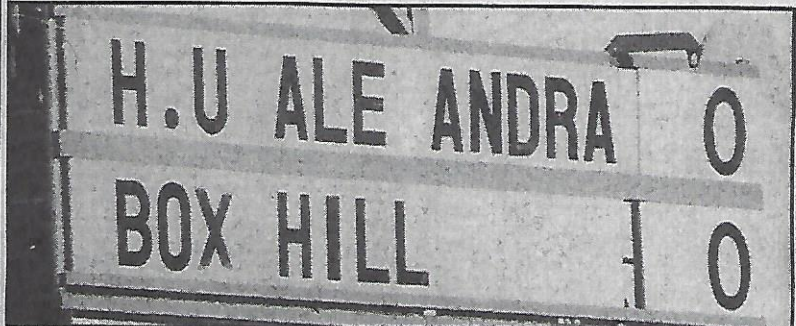
Perth: Sunday, May 31, Nttm F. v Man. Utd at the WACA.

Tuesday, June 2, Celtic v Australia at the WACA, Thursday, June 4 double header finals — 4th v 3rd & 2nd v 1st at the WACA.

All games are being played at night under lights.

—JOHN MANGAN

## ALEANDRA OR BO HILL?



● Has anyone out there got an "X"? That's the message captured by photographer Les Shorrock's picture of the Olympic Park scoreboard last week. In what is the closest thing to a breakthrough in ethnic relations long supported by this journal, Olympic Park almost got it right when it decided to use the name

"Heidelberg United Alexandra" during that club's Buffalo Cup clash with Box Hill. But there was one slight hitch. Olympic Park only had one "X" available so it had to decide between H.U. Aleandra and Bo Hill. The Hillmen won the battle of the scoreboard but lost the match 2-0.

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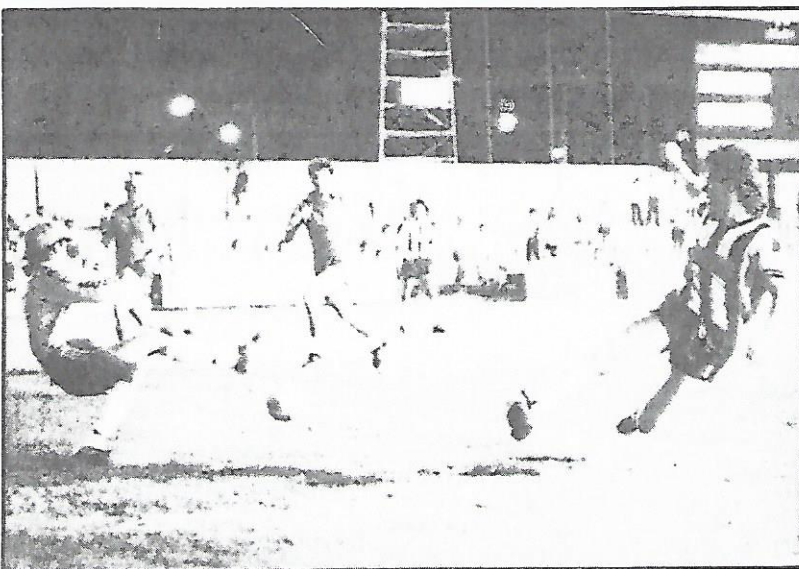
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# Juventus dominates night cup



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● Aurelio Vidmar drives the ball past Beograd goalie, Frank Pasquini in Adelaide Juventus's 3-0 win over Beograd at Hindmarsh Stadium.

## Leading scorers:

5 — G. Price (Hellas)  
3 — B. Crook (Para Hills), A. Vidmar, S. Melta (Adelaide City), S. Kosmina (Polonia), F. Timar (Croatia), P. Wilde (Adelaide City), S. Amos (Campbelltown City), Steve Atsalas (Hellas), 1 — D. Pankhurst, C. Todd (Croatia), D. Kalinovic (Beograd), G. Konstantopoulos, J. Panagis (Hellas), D. Doorne, P. Sanderson, R. Piotrowski (Polonia), J. Mullen, J. Rodriguez (Adelaide City), R. Preston (Beograd), I. Cole, I. Dason, D. Moss (Para Hills).

**ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 4 (Vidmar 29th, Melta 61st and 75th) BEOGRAD 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. (Double-header). Crowd: 3,200. Cautions: Flounders, Melta, J. Mullen (ACJ), Greaves, Unerkov, Douglas, A. Brazzale (Beograd). Referee: Tom McRoe 6.**

**ADELAIDE CITY** McNally 8, Martinelli 68th, Shillabeer 7, Flounders 7, Nyskohus 8, Tobin 7, Santrac 7, Melta 9, Vidmar 7, Villani 6, (T. Mullen 68th) J. Mullen 8, Wilde 7 (Rodrigues 75th) Coach Zoran Matic.  
**BEograd** Pasquini 7, Kozman 6, Goldsmit 72nd, Greaves 7, Unerkov 7, Alberton 7, Kalinovic 6, (Rusmir 59th), Douglas 7, Miller 7, A. Brazzale 8, Azeina 6, Preston 6 Coach Norman Lees.

**PARA HILLS 3 (Dawson 32nd, Cole 60th, Moss 65th) POLONIA 2 (Piotrowski 12th, Sanderson 33rd) at Hindmarsh Stadium (Double-header). Cautions: Nil. Referee: Tony Martell 8.**

**PARA HILLS** M. Crook 7, Harvey 6 (Moss 41st, 8), Tomlinson 7, Horry 8, Cole 7, Leembruggen 6 (T. Blute 41st, 6), Klen 7, Dawson 7, Humphreys 7, Edwards 6 (Clarke 67th), B. Crook 7, Coach Barry Simpson.  
**POLONIA** Jacques 8, Bucco 8, S. Caluta 6, Peter Mullen 7, Harley 7, Doorne 7, Panos 6 (Majewski 66th), Kosmina 7, Sanderson 7, Witwicki 6, Piotrowski 7, Coach Adam Karpinski.

## Group A standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ad. Juventus	3	0	0	10	0	6
Campbelltown	1	0	1	2	2	2
Beograd	1	0	2	5	2	2
Salisbury	0	0	2	0	7	0

## Group B standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ad. Hellas	2	0	0	9	3	4
Ad. Croatia	1	1	0	4	3	3
Para Hills	1	1	1	6	7	3
Polonia	0	0	3	5	11	0

Three goals, seven bookings, and a rash of fouls — it was almost enough to take the minds of the fans off the pressure-cooker heat.

Beograd went into its last minor round game needing a win over national league champion Adelaide Juventus and the State League side gave all it could muster.

Effort and commitment bridged the skill and experience gap for the first 28 minutes, but once Juventus broke through with a goal from Aurelio Vidmar in the 29th minute, it was clear that Juventus would take the points.

However, the match was spoilt as a spectacle by the reliance on provocative challenges to win the ball or to simply disrupt the flow of play.

Eventually, these tactics fruited tempers and tested the patience of some players, almost to breaking point. In particular, Joe Mullen of Juventus was not allowed to get into his familiar cocksure stride.

With his composure rattled, Mullen resorted to over-frequent use of his elbows in his bid for self-preservation.

But, Mullen's reaction to the bruising treatment was to give a good impression of defending Pearl Harbour. The more he was jostled, the more his aggressive tackling and ball-winning increased.

But it was Sergio Melta who emerged as the man of the match for Juventus with a skilled display that included two classy goals and cool dominance of the midfield.

# Polonia pushes Para's luck to the limit

Para Hills retained their semi-final chances with a twice-come-from-behind victory over Polonia.

Para entered the fray needing a substantial win to ensure major round participation and in the end had to settle for skin-of-the-teeth success.

Polonia grabbed the lead in the 12th minute through Rick Piotrowski and kept that advantage until Ian "Smokey" Dawson hit back in the 32nd minute.

But while the Para players were celebrating that breakthrough, Paul Sanderson upset the form cart with a brilliant long shot which totally de-

ceived Martin Crook in the Para Hills goal.

That goal meant that Para still had it all to do, but it was not until Ian Cole scored in the 60th minute that the northerners were spurred to greater effort.

And the hero of the comeback was SA winger Darren Moss who came in after half time to replace Mark Harvey and crowned a fine aggressive display with a superb match-winning goal.

The loss (Polonia's third in three games) spelt the end of Polonia's Ampol Cup campaign, but there were, nevertheless, several positive aspects.

The player talent is certainly present, but tactics and method require much revision.

Meanwhile, Para lives to fight on, but its fate rests with the outcome of this week's joust between Hellas and Croatia.

## TO THE EDITOR

Permit me, through your paper, to give my thoughts as to why I and many like me have stopped going to watch Australian soccer.

Modern-day soccer is in a rut with coaches encouraging defensive play rather than an attacking system. Players, especially those that are in the side leading during a match, tend to adopt a negative attitude and start wasting as much time as possible by kicking the ball out of play and indulging in those oh-so-boring back and square passes in defence which are enough to frustrate even the most ardent fan.

Unfortunately, physical strength has taken over from skill with players who want to play and show their skills being constantly cut down and kicked out of the game.

I know that it is far from easy to get a change in the rules of the game but I have some suggestions that I believe will make the game more honest and provide a spectacle most fans want to see.

To encourage attacking play I believe that we should award a bonus point for every five goals scored so that, for example, a team scoring 30 goals in the season would earn six bonus points. I also

believe that we should award three points for a win and retain the one point for a draw system we currently use.

To bring back flair and skill we should award a penalty for every five fouls committed in a match outside the penalty area — a team foul system other codes use successfully.

To stop players wasting time we need off-field timekeepers and time will be only recorded while the ball is in play.

I know that some of the critics will laugh and scoff at these suggestions but that's the sort of response Kerry Packer received from so-called cricket experts when Packer revolutionised that sport some 10 years ago. Look who's laughing now.

— Still love the game,  
Moonee Ponds  
Victoria

SIR —  
I read with interest Mr Detre's comments regarding the America's Cup. His usual cynicism, which I find amusing, shone through again.

However I have to agree with him wholeheartedly about the excessive media hype regarding some insignificant and irrelevant "old boys" regatta which the fair city of Fremantle had the misfortune of hosting.

For those of us who were nonplussed about the whole "event", to endure the media "beat-up" to saturation point was most exasperating to say the least.

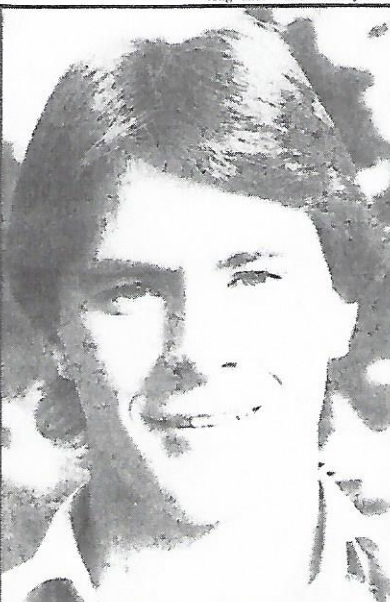
When Andrew Detre says that Africa, Asia and Europe couldn't give a damn about it, he obviously over-estimates the importance of the wretched thing in America itself.

The fact is that 90 percent of Americans have never heard of the America's Cup. It hardly rates a mention in the media over there, and apart from the rich Harvard boys in their navy blue blazers on Newport, Rhode Island, most Americans consider the thing as irrelevant as I do, if they consider it at all.

We should lament at the scant coverage our code receives in this country when you think of the resources and government money that went into the boat race.

Think of the facilities supporters of soccer must endure in this country and the meagre funding which is directed towards what is after all the most universally accepted code of football.

I can't help but think that had the World Cup been held in Australia, it probably would not have generated a third of the publicity that the media moguls directed towards a mere boat race.



● Joe Mullen — the Juventus striker got special attention from Beograd.

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## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



For students of demography, there is enough material in the National Soccer League to last an entire conference.

As the 14 teams are tooling up to begin the 11th NSL campaign, one cannot help but remember the innumerable falsehoods and lies of previous years about the "pending Australianisation" of our soccer.

Or maybe they weren't lies, merely incorrect prophecies, hugely mistaken diagnoses based on the seemingly simple "truth" that sooner or later,

soccer will be acceptable to the population at large. . . . This, of course, has not happened and probably will not happen; the true-blue, dinky-di, non-ethnic Australians of this great land will embrace soccer when they swap their Fourx for Chianti, their meat pie for empanada and their lamb chops for razniki.

So be it. I don't see why we should bemoan this fact for ever; we know what they are missing.

At the same time, we shouldn't be too embarrassed about the composition of our NSL. The media still will largely ignore soccer, especially commercial television, which is chasing ratings and advertising dollars.

But, speaking truthfully, how ethnic is our topflight soccer, the NSL?

Completely, totally and absolutely. ALL the 14 clubs have the financial and organisational support of various ethnic groups.

And, as every honest observer will admit, 90 per cent or more of our crowds are also first-generation "ethnics".

For the first time since the start of the NSL in 1977, there is not a single non-ethnic club in the field.

Broadly speaking, we have four clubs backed by the Italian community, three by the Greek, four by sub-ethnic groups now residing in Yugoslavia and one apiece by Hungarians, Jews and Maltese.

That makes it a total of 12 clubs out of the 14 which originate from the Mediterranean and two which could be called Central Europeans (St George and Hakoah).

The trend is quite clearly towards more Italian and Greek influence in the future, mainly because the migrant colonies are so numerous and so fiercely homogenous.

I wouldn't be a bit surprised if within two or three years, the NSL would include only clubs with Italian, Greek, Bulgarian, Croatian, Serbian, Macedonian etc. support.

After all, where are now the clubs of the Czech, Dutch, Austrian, Polish, Ukrainian and other "colonies" which once played such a vital role in the various State Leagues of Australia?



Flashback to 1977 — this is how things used to be at Mooroolbark, one of the NSL's founder members, but the club's NSL status lasted just one year.

The demotion, even occasional disappearance of "district" and city clubs, simply proves what I said at the outset — that senior soccer in this country only appeals to immigrant groups.

Since 1977 the NSL-PSL has accommodated seven "Australian" clubs: Mooroolbark, Western Suburbs, Canberra, Newcastle, Blacktown, Wollongong and Penrith.

None of them is still in the NSL in 1987.

Mooroolbark, Wests and Penrith play in a very minor league, if not at junior level, while the others will now be part of the NSW State League.

Actually, even Canberra and Newcastle have gone through some metamorphosis in recent years.

Canberra, once a non-ethnic or multi-ethnic, city club of the national capital, has gone Greek. Newcastle United, once independent, has gone broke and has been taken over by the Adamstown Rosebud club.

Mooroolbark played in only one NSL season, in the first, when it was included in gratitude for swigging the stubbornly anti-NSL Victorian clubs around. At the end of 1977 it

was relegated and almost disappeared.

Western Suburbs lasted two seasons, 1977 and 1978, before packing it in — despite some ambitious schemes to introduce professional players and greyhound races at halftime. . . .

Blacktown was part of the NSL twice, for a total of five seasons, without ever building a solid local support. Penrith — and I hate to say this — went the way I had predicted, into oblivion, after two miserable seasons.

The shame of it all is, that at least some of them — Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong — appeared predestined for greater things.

They enjoyed a monopoly in their city or area, something traditionally denied to Sydney and Melbourne clubs and could have become the bastions of Australian pro soccer. Maybe not Canberra, but the other two for sure.

Instead, they never lost their poor-country-cousin character and, despite the occasional triumph, went down the gurgler in 1986, will they have the strength to regroup and return one day?

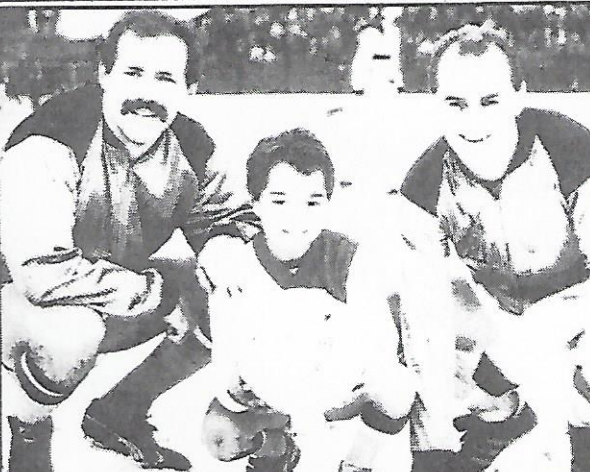
It's interesting, finally, to have a look at the performances of these seven "district" clubs over the years.

Between them, they spent 35 seasons in the NSL. In that period, only one of them, Wollongong, reached the top four once, coming third in 1982. But on 17 occasions they occupied bottom four positions, often being saved only through their now abolished "development status".

What about the 1987 season soon to start?

You don't have to be even a minor prophet to predict that the keenest struggle for supremacy will be staged by some of the 12 "Mediterranean" clubs. (In case you think I use this term disparagingly I love the Mediterranean.) Marconi, Olympic, the two Croatias, South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus should hog most of the limelight.

It's very hard to see the composition of the NSL change dramatically in the next few years: "district" clubs will find it very difficult to match the enthusiasm (madness), financial effort (lavish overspending) and club loyalty (fierce patriotism) of the "ethnics".



Tony Kennedy recently returned from a trip to the UK which could see the organiser of Melbourne's late-season World Cup competitions taking at least two teams to Glasgow next year to take part in Celtic's centenary celebrations. Kennedy already has confirmed that he'll take Australian under 15, under 17 and under 19 teams to the UK in July for a three-week trip culminating in participation in the Aberdeen International Football Festival. The touring party already numbers more than 100 and will leave on July 3 for a two-week stint in England based at Southport in

Lancashire. Kennedy has arranged accommodation in self-catering chalets for just \$140 a fortnight and has arranged games against teams from Blackburn Rovers and Preston North End. The picture above shows Kennedy's son, John, enjoying his first visit to Blackburn's home ground, Ewood Park, where he was the team mascot for Rovers' clash with Grimsby Town. At right is Rovers' defender Chris Price with team mate Micky Rathbone also pictured. The Aberdeen International Football Festival is in its seventh year and teams from 22 countries will participate.



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## Tsolakis back in top gear

**Heidelberg 2  
Box Hill 0**

Scorers: Tsolakis 17th, 51st.

While Box Hill stumbled and fumbled to get forward on a few occasions, Peter Tsolakis was scoring two goals and threatening to regain the form that won him the 1986 Buffalo Cup Player of the Series award.

It's fair to say that Tsolakis has been well below his best in the Buffalo Cup but he started buzzing about in the second half of this match, admittedly against pitifully poor opposition down Heidelberg's left flank.

Box Hill coach George Murray decided to use five men at the back. Dean Hennessy and Andy McKinnon were picking up Laurie McKinnon and Andy Deeley, Craig Davidson was

**Man of the match:  
PETER TSOLAKIS  
(Heidelberg)**

the sweeper and Gary McPhee and Alan Roodhouse the fullbacks. The Hillmen probably were trying to hit Heidelberg on the break but the only clear-cut chance they created was in the 43rd minute thanks to dreadful defensive work from Heidelberg. McKinnon's long throw-in from the right found Heidelberg defenders flat-footed. They simply stood their ground as the ball bounced dead in front of goal but the incoming Damien Mori slid in and missed it completely. It should have been a goal.

Just four minutes were gone when the Hillmen were cele-

brating what they thought was the opening goal. Roodhouse's long free kick from the left was headed down at the far post by McKinnon and Phil Griffin tapped it in only to be ruled offside.

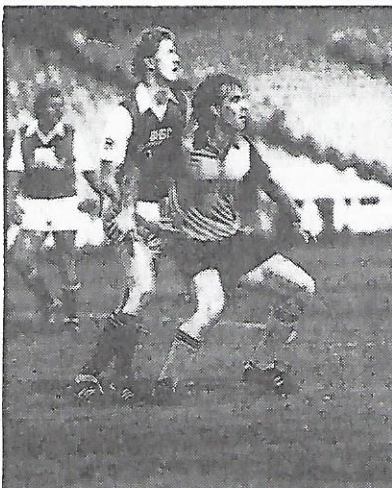
Shortly after, Tsolakis played the ball inside from wide on the left to Claude Luchessi but he blasted his long-range attempt well over.

Then came Heidelberg's first blow. In the 17th minute, McKinnon headed on at the near post following a long throw-in and the incoming Tsolakis, at the back post, slammed the ball into goal from eight metres.

A minute into the second half John Anastasiadis headed down to Luchessi whose well struck shot flashed just wide of the far post.

Within seconds of Damien Mori's miss, Deeley should have made it 2-0. Luchessi's cross from the left flashed across the face of goal. Deeley charged in and got a foot to the ball but pushed it over from just four metres.

But Tsolakis struck again in the 51st minute and there was no way that the Hillmen could get back into the contest. Box Hill was badly caught out on



Box Hill defender Dean Hennessy isn't letting former teammate and new Heidelberg striker Laurie McKinnon escape his clutches. Heidelberg won this Buffalo Cup clash 2-0. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

the break as Tsolakis motored toward goal, shrugged off McPhee's half-hearted challenge and slipped the ball past the advancing McKinnon to make it 2-0.

A minute later the Hillmen were caught out again but Deeley missed up a good combination between himself and Tsolakis when his shot went well wide of the far post.

## Cross keeps Pines down

**George Cross 2  
Frank. Pines 1**

Scorers: Edwards (33rd, McLaren 60th (GC); Miller 49th (FP).

Pines lined up at Olympic Park last Wednesday night once again without star striker Ally Dick.

Dick had played only four days prior to the team's outing against Macedonia but his absence left a hole in the Pines forward line further diminished by the absence of Mick McGorian through an injury he sustained in the Buffalo Cup tie with Croatia.

However, a Pines team lurching from one crisis to another put on a brave display and while it did not do enough to win, was perhaps unfortunate not to get something for its efforts.

George Cross however was the team running this game. Kevin Innes and John Markovski were the driving forces in the Cross midfield and they took the game right up to the Pines' defence.

It was an Innes cross in the 33rd minute which drew first blood.

Under pressure from Carl Gilder and Andy Edwards, Pines' goalkeeper Dennis Boland came out of his goalmouth

**Man of the match:  
JOHN MARKOVSKI  
(George Cross)**

to meet the ball. Boland was unable to hold the cross and Edwards pounced on the loose ball and slammed it into the back of the net to put Cross in the driver's seat.

But John Gardiner's boys weren't to have it all their own way. Just as in the previous game when Pines had come from behind to worry their more fancied opponents, so it was this night.

Fourteen minutes into the second half Graham Watson delivered a superb ball into the area which Craig Miller sent past George Cross goalkeeper Sean Keogh with an explosive left-foot shot which went just inside the far post.

Markovski was involved in George Cross's winning goal. He had been in a couple of wonderful one-two's early in the game and had cheekily out-muscle Pines' Peter Thurlow just before half-time.

Substitute Paul Trimboli sent in a long cross from the left in the 60th minute and Markovski was there to get the ball across to the other substitute, Don McLaren who blasted it in.

Boland could only deflect the shot off his body into the back of the net.

George Cross was not content with its one goal lead and the last 10 minutes saw Pines weather a storm of shots from McLaren, Trimboli, Markovski and John Campbell.

— JOHN MARGAN

## Northcote wins Cup

**NORTHCOTE 4 (P. Constantinou, Bekiaris, Gymnopoulos, Diamataris) THOMASTOWN 3 (Athensych 2, Higgins) in 3EA Charity Shield match at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.**

**NORTHCOTE:** Gianopoulos (Turudis H.T.), Leonardos, Patsakos, J. Constantinou, Bekiaris, Small (H.T. Romero), Gymnopoulos, Diamataris, Patsakos, P. Constantinou. Coach: Juan Toro.

**THOMASTOWN:** Raponi, Arcoraci, Pianalto, McMillan, Carfora (Temosi), Kerr Constantinou, Di Martino, Ciole, Athensych, Higgins. Coach: Mike Lynn.

Northcote fought back dramatically after being two goals down early in the match and went on to record a fine win in the inaugural ZEA Charity Shield.

Northcote, which won the 1986 Hellenic Cup and Thomastown, the 1986 Coppa Italia, displayed excellent form with the first game of the season still some weeks away.

It was Thomastown which took the initiative and with a more direct approach found itself up 2-0 with Andy Higgins and Russell Athensych posting their opening goals for 1987.

Northcote was not to be out-

done. With Thomastown relaxing, Peter Constantinou found space through the middle and blasted a fierce shot past a hapless Tony Raponi.

Soon after, Chris Bekiaris found similar space and sprinted past George McMillan who tried desperately to win the ball back but could only trip Bekiaris which resulted in a penalty. Bekiaris took the kick and levelled the scores.

After the break, Northcote came out with all guns firing. It wasn't long before Alex Gymnopoulos found himself in the clear after Tom Patsakos elegantly tapped the ball past the Thomastown defence, for Gymnopoulos to put Northcote ahead.

Play flowed from end to end, but Northcote showed no organisation. Prime Thomastown movers in the first half such as Athensych and Brian Ciole were well marked which allowed Northcote to get forward more freely.

With 10 minutes left, the match still was in the balance. Phil Diamataris picked up a loose ball in midfield and put Carlos Romero through. His shot was smothered but he still managed to chip the ball back to Diamataris who headed home the sealer.

Thomastown, not to be outdone, went forward and when Athensych scrambled home his second, the only thing against Thomastown was time, which ran out.



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## Irishmen for Coburg

Coburg coach Billy Millen has signed two players from Northern Ireland and expects them to arrive in Australia shortly.

Eugene McInerney is a winger from Newry Town and will be Coburg's sole temporary visa player while Portadown centre forward Mark Tweddie is coming to Australia on a holiday visa.

Millen also hopes to sign former Sunbury player John Catterson from Albion Turk Gucu.

Millen was keen to point out to "Soccer Action" that Coburg will play in a Glasgow Rangers strip this season.

"And anyone seen kicking around an orange ball at training will be suspended for six months," said the Coburg coach.



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## Hughes is available

Andy Hughes is on the transfer list at Box Hill and was set to join Croydon until that club reportedly told coach Jim Tansey that there was no money left for new signings.

The Hillmen have listed the talented midfielder at \$5,000 but have stressed that the figure is negotiable.

Clubs interested in contacting Hughes can do so after hours on 762 1074.

## Fawcner lists Terzini

With less than a week to go before the Fawcner Cup Final, the host club has transferred goal-keeper Robert Terzini and put a \$3,500 price-tag on his head.

Coach Frank McAlister is replacing the long-serving goal-keeper with Charlie Kasimias who he signed last week from Wintonia. He has also just signed striker Peter Verechia from Morwell Falcons for \$3,500 to strengthen the squad.

Fawcner has reached the final of this tournament and meets Pines in the all-State League clash. The match, which kicks off at 4pm on Sunday afternoon, is worth \$1,000 to the winning team.

The curtain-raiser to the final will be the play-off for third place between Oakleigh and Broadmeadows.

## Top-liners at Nuna

Nunawading City has announced that it has a strong coaching staff for season 1987.

The senior coach is former Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield United professional, Derek Hurst, who also coached a number of teams in the UK. The youth team coach is former Shrewsbury Town and Prahran Slavia player Tony Harris who has previously coached at Waverley City and Doveton.



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#### MATCH DETAILS

**HEIDELBERG 2 (Tsolkis 17th, 51st) BOX HILL 0 at Olympic Park, last Wednesday night. Crowd: about 1,000. Caution: Hennessy (BH). Referee: Ziggy Mnich 5.**

**HEIDELBERG** Oliver 7 — Pappas 7, Ketsakidis 7, Selemidis 7, Marley 7 — Anastasiadis 7 (Deligianis 43rd), Lucchesi 7, Kanakoulis 6 (Valentine 56th), Tsolkis 8 — McKinna 7, Deeley 6. **Box Hill** McKinna 6 — Davidson 6 — McPhee 3 (J. Mon 53rd), A. McMillan 4, D. Hennessy 4, A. Roodhouse 5 — Brommer 3 (McDaid 59th), Burton 6, White 5 — D. Mon 4 (Mazzaghi 46th), Griffin 5. **Coach:** George Murray.

**GEORGE CROSS 2 (Edwards 33rd, McLaren 60th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Miller 49th) at Olympic last Wednesday night. Caution: Thurlow (FP), Parton (GC). Crowd: about 1,000. Referee: 6.**

**GEORGE CROSS** Keogh 6 — March 7, Parton 7, Taylor 6, Campbell 6 — Mitten 6, Innes 7 (MacLaren 56th), Bar 5, Markovski 7 — Gilder 6, Edwards 7 (Trimball 56th). **Coach:** John Gardiner.

**FRANKSTON PINES** Boland 5 — Thurlow 7, Bozic 6, Park 6, Cumming 5, Miller 7 — Cullen 7, Watson 6, Ferris 6 — Armstrong 6, Hennessy 7. **Coach:** Denny McMinimee.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Tapai penalty 41st, Spink 47th) GREEN GULLY 1 (Cumming 71st) at Olympic Park, last Saturday night. Crowd: about 3,500 (double header). Caution: Quigley, Fraser (GG). Referee: Ziggy Mnich 4.**

**FOOTSCRAY JUST** Vlainic 8 — Curovic 5, James 7, Karic 7, Barjaktarevic 3 (Burlak H.T. 31) — Minh 7, Tapai 5, Spink 7 — Obradovic 3, Lazopoulos 5, Lujic 2. **Coach:** Dragoslav Sekularac.

**GREEN GULLY** Denys 6 — Hogben 6, Camell 7, Grimaud 6, Douglas 6 — Fraser 6, McLelland 5, Quigley 3, Carter 4 — Cumming 7, Ward 5. **Coach:** Gus Macleod.

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 18th, 34th, Durakovic 26th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole pen, 25th) at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Crowd: about 3,500 (double header). Referee: Peter Mateski 5.**

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** Marama 6 — Lewis 6, Veshaver 6, Zennid 7, Incantapulo 7 — Cullen 8, Grbac 7, Durakovic 7, Patterson 7 — Zinni 8, Lane 6. **Coach:** Len McKendry.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA** Trainades 7 — McLennan 6, Dobson 7, Opatnik 7, Jackson 7 — Gojovic 7, Roodhouse 6, van Egmond 6, Slavkovic 5 (Bloski 50th) — Cole 6, Heys 7. **Coach:** Billy Murray.

#### Group A standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sunshine George Cross	2	2	0	5	2	6
Melbourne Croatia	2	1	0	3	0	5
Preston Makedonia	2	1	1	7	5	5
Brunswick Juventus	2	0	2	5	5	4
St Albans Dinamo	0	1	2	0	3	1
Frankston Pines	0	1	3	3	8	1

#### Group B standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
South Melbourne Hellas	3	0	0	11	1	6
Heidelberg Alexander	3	0	1	5	2	6
Green Gully	2	0	2	4	3	4
Footscray JUST	1	1	2	3	6	3
Box Hill	1	0	3	1	10	2
Croydon City	0	1	2	1	3	1

#### PLAYER OF THE SERIES

With none of last week's leaders getting votes, Juventus striker Andrew Zinni jumped to the top of the Player of the Series award table picking up the maximum three points from his team's game against Makedonia.

George Cross defender Andrew March moved to within striking distance of the lead when he shared the points with John Markovski in George Cross's game against Frankston Pines. St. Albans Dinamo's Rob Krajacic and Croatia's Mark Talajic will be well placed if they pick up votes from the games that were postponed on Friday night due to the flooding of the Olympic Park pitch.

Here are last week's votes:  
**Sunshine George Cross v Frankston Pines:** 2.5 — Markovski (GC), March (GC); 1 — Miller (FP).  
**Brunswick Juventus v Preston Makedonia:** 3 — Zinni (BJ); 2 — Cullen (BJ); 1 — Durakovic (BJ).  
**Heidelberg v Box Hill:** 3 — Tsolkis (HD); 2 — Ketsakidis (HD); 0.5 — Pappas (HD), McKinna (HD).  
**Footscray JUST v Green Gully:** 3 — James (JUST); 1.5 — Vlainic (JUST), Karic (JUST).  
**Leading votegetters:**  
 7 — Zinni (BJ); 6 — Krajacic (St. A.D.), March (GC), Selemidis (HD), van Egmond (PM); 5.5 — Talajic (MC); 5 — Brown (CC); 5 — Craigne (SMH); 4.5 — Karic (JUST), Vlainic (JUST); 4 — Egan (SMH), Slavkovic (PM); 3.5 — Ketsakidis (HD); 3 — Cumming (GG), Douglas (GG), Gojovic (PM), James (JUST), Tsolkis (HD), White (BH).

#### Rangers win Geelong Cup

The dark blue ribbon of Hamlyn Rangers adorned the Geelong Advertiser Cup last weekend but the game against East Geelong was decided only with a superb goal in the dying minutes.

Rangers took out the trophy for the first time in the club's history when it defeated East 1-0. But Rangers had to battle all the way against the determined underdogs.

East surprised the crowd as it took the game to Rangers from the kick-off and showed no respect for its more fancied opponents.

Rangers started nervously and East took advantage by pushing forward in search of an early goal.

As the game progressed, Rangers gained confidence and Ray Friday clipped a neat volley over the bar after some tidy work from Andy Munro.

The pace was fast and furious but Rangers took a grip on the game and forced East to concede ground.

Hamlyn took the field with a slight breeze after the interval and East let Rangers know that there would be no love lost in the cup final.

Branko Krstevski could have sealed the game for East when the ball drifted through a crowded penalty box to his feet.

The striker looked up, hesitated, and Keith Appleyard hooked the ball away.

Minutes later, East defender, Tony Stojanovski, received his marching orders after clashing with Waljo Stojanovski.

As spectators prepared for extra time, the deadlock was broken by a gem of a goal.

Muir gathered the ball 10 metres from goal and let it fly with a

Melbourne Croatia will be in the box-seat on Saturday night in its game against Makedonia which will be clinging to its last chance of making the Buffalo Cup semi-finals after last week's defeat at the hands of Juventus.

Croatia, with a game against St Albans Dinamo in hand, can afford to draw this match against a Makedonia side which just couldn't get in to the swing of things last week. Without Nick van Egmond firing, the team seemed to lack the killer punch which had taken it to the top of the Group A standings a week earlier.

The most encouraging sign from last week's game for Makedonia was the performance of Graham Heys who played up front with Gary Gully in the Steve Gojovic Group back into the midfield with van Egmond.

For Croatia the key man is going to be Mark Talajic. Talajic has a good understanding going with striker Andy Humble and this game could see him get his name on the score-sheet for the first time in this year's Buffalo Cup series.

Anton Lemeznja was taken off by coach Terry Hennessy in Croatia's last game but he has shown enough class to make him a man Makedonia will have to watch if they want to come out of this game with the points.

Paul Lewis couldn't find the back of the net in Croatia's draw with George Cross but he will be keen to regain his lead at the top of the goal-scoring list overhauling Charlie Egan and van Egmond who, to date, both have scored four goals — one more than Lewis.

Following its defeat at the hands of Footscray JUST on Saturday night, Green Gully now needs a minor miracle to qualify for the Buffalo Cup semi-finals. More specifically, it needs Jim Tansey's Croydon team to do it a favor and beat either Hellas or Heidelberg in its last two remaining games. If Croydon, which has yet to win a game, can pull off this feat against either of the Greek giants, Gully then needs to beat Hellas in its game on Friday night to qualify.

It seems too much to hope and if Hellas can score early in Friday night's encounter Gully

By JOHN MANGAN

will have to be careful if it is to avoid one of those thrashings that the current Hellas team seems so capable of dealing out.

Compacency, however, could be Gus Macleod's greatest ally. Hellas has already done all the hard work to qualify for the semi-finals and only has to cruise in its last two games against State League opposition to reach the finals. The fact that Hellas has disposed of all opposition effortlessly so far could count against it in a contest which pits it against a team eager to convince the world that it is worth a place in the NSL.

Gully will prove no easy target for Hellas but the Hellas team should be too strong for Macleod's side and should cement its place at the top of Group B.

The late match on Friday night brings together Saker shine George Cross and St Albans Dinamo. Tony Vrzina's Dinamo team goes into the game depleted by the loss of right back Ante Kustura and last year's best and fairest winner Mark Wilson. Kustura is out for the season needing knee reconstruction surgery while team-mate Wilson broke his nose at training and could be out for about a month. Vrzina's troubles don't end there as central defender Zdenko Brkajacic is only playing until the end of Dinamo's Buffalo Cup campaign when he plans to retire.

Dinamo was unfortunate on its last outing when it was beaten by an unconvincing Juventus and the way Dinamo clamped down on Juventus's star players must give George Cross cause for concern. Rob Krajacic and Ivan Duzel were in great form against Juventus and the George Cross forwards will have to find a way round them if they are to win and cement their team's place in the semi-finals.

With John Markovski playing so well, Cross's coach John Gardiner may be inspired this week to give youth Soccerro Paul Trimball a full game giving the youngster a chance to settle down and really show

#### BRIAN BROWN IN DISPUTE

**B. Juventus 3 P. Makedonia 1**  
 Scorers: Zinni 18th, 34th, Durakovic 26th (BJ); Cole 25th pen. (PM).

Juventus turned the Buffalo Cup form book upside-down with a thrilling 3-1 victory over Makedonia on Saturday night.

With Brian Brown out due to a contractual dispute, Juventus was not at full strength. Juve coach Len McKendry had elected to put on the bench Luciano Fabrizio who had played so well in his first outing for the club the previous week, while John Zennidorn was back in the side as a sweeper.

Coming from their convincing 4-2 defeat of Frankston Pines in the last round, the failure of Nick van Egmond to stamp his personality on the game may well have cost Billy Murray's men the points.

Juve piled on the pressure from the start forcing three corners in the first five minutes.

Mehmet Durakovic, who had been moved up from the back-line into Juve's midfield, powered the start forcing three corners in the first five minutes and cut the ball back to Sean Lane who blasted wide.

Meanwhile, Makedonia's Graham Heys was making his presence felt as he teamed up with big Gary Cole in the Preston front-line.

However, it was Andrew Zinni who set this game alight in the 18th minute when he sprinted onto a ball from Rob Cullen who had carefully timed his pass to keep Zinni onside. With the rain starting to come down in sheets, Zinni's low, hard shot from the edge of the area proved unstoppable.

Undaunted, Makedonia

Melbourne's footballing public what he is capable of.

While George Cross was not in brilliant form in its last game against Frankston Pines this game could be the one in which the team gets it all together — in which case Vrzina's men had better watch out.

Croydon has a tough fixture on Saturday night when it is paired with a Heidelberg team eager to clinch a semi-final berth. Laurie McKinna and Andy Deeley will be keen to get their names on the score-sheets in what could be a big victory for the Bergers.

Foot. JUST 2 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Tapai penalty 41st, Spink 47th (FJ); Cumming 71st (CG).

Dragoslav Sekularac has a lot of work to do if Footscray JUST is to be as competitive as it was last year.

JUST fullback Radovan Barjaktarevic had an absolute nightmare and was taken off at half time but he had a few fellow strugglers with whom to drown his sorrows after the game. Zdravko Lujic was one. That has to be just about the worst game I've ever seen him play. Way, way below his best although I'm told he's not fully fit. Suleiman Curovic still loves dribbling and doesn't seem to give a damn whether it's inside his own penalty area or not while young Danny Obradovic has some way to go to establish himself in the JUST first team to put it mildly.

Les Carter probably would have given Gully the lead in the 28th minute had he been a bit quicker. Carter broke clear onto Colin Quigley's

Sunday night sees Footscray JUST playing Box Hill and Juventus facing Frankston Pines. These games had originally been planned for Wednesday night (tonight) but they have been ousted by a rock music concert. The pitch at Olympic Park has yet to recover from an earlier concert so it could be in terrible shape by the weekend.

Footscray JUST announced its return last Saturday with its 2-1 victory over former Group B pace-setter Green Gully. Dragoslav Sekularac's team should be too strong for Box Hill. The Box Hill forward-line

will have its work cut out getting past JUST's new signing Tyrone James who had a fine game against Gully.

JUST should take out this game even though it is too late to mount a serious challenge for the Buffalo Cup.

The last game on Sunday night matches a rejuvenated Juventus against Frankston Pines. Danny McMinimee's team has performed very well in spite of the turbulence behind the scenes but Juventus looked so good last week that it would be a brave man who would bet against them.

#### Problems for 'Seki'

Man of the match:  
**ZORAN VLAJNIC**  
 (Foot. JUST)

long pass by Tom Karic charged across and effected a superb tackle on the Green Gully midfielder.

The second half was only a couple of minutes old when Lou Denys played a dreadful goalkick that put Bill Lazopoulos in possession but he was well tackled and Denys was saved from what could have been a very embarrassing moment.

JUST opened its account in controversial fashion. Little Minh Tri Vo, whose fitness and confidence are improving with each game, dummied past Steve Douglas only to be body-checked by John Grimaud. It was a definite foul but whether or not Minh was felled inside the Gully penalty area is another matter. One in the Press box were certain that it was a penalty but they must

have bionic eyes because from my vantage point it wasn't clear whether or not Minh was inside the area. Anyway it didn't bother referee Ziggy Mnich who pointed to the spot and Tapai duly converted.

Six minutes later Warren Spink scored a cracking goal. He seemed to have pushed the ball too far forward but won it back then smacked it from 20 metres into the top far corner to make it 2-0.

In the 67th minute, Cumming made a brilliant run that should have resulted in what would have been one of the best goals of the Buffalo Cup tournament. He wriggled past two opponents, played an excellent one-two with Steve McLelland, waited past another opponent but had his point-blank shot blocked.

But there was no denying the wee man in the 71st minute. Danny Water won the ball in the air following a cross from the right. The ball was knocked forward to Cumming and from the left of the JUST area he drove his low shot into the far corner to give Gully a goal its pressure thoroughly deserved. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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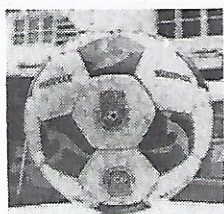
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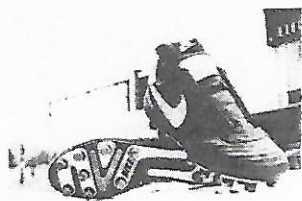




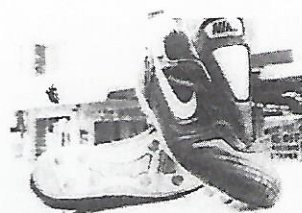
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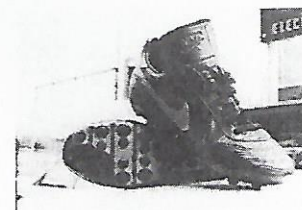
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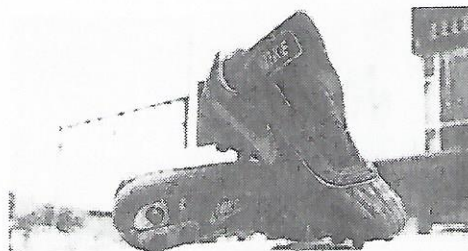


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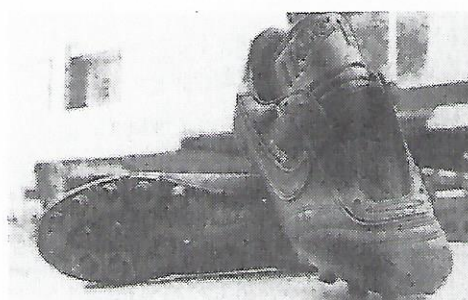


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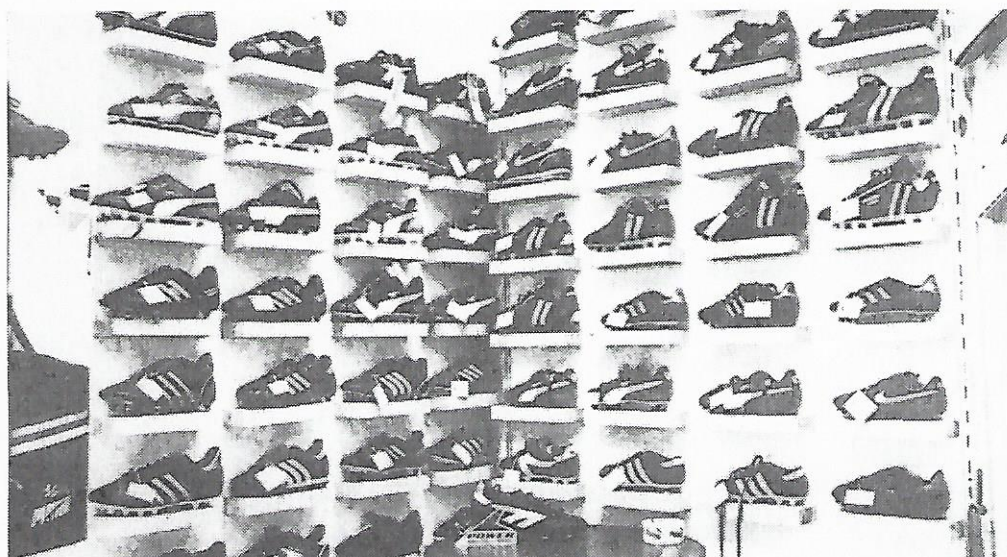


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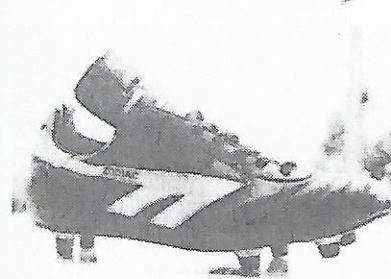
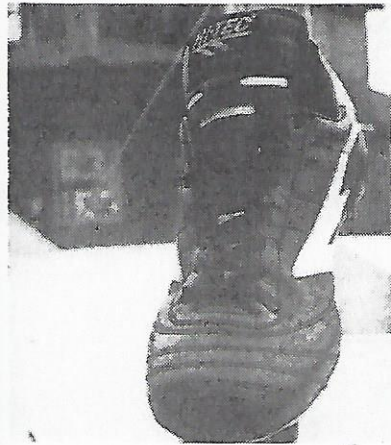
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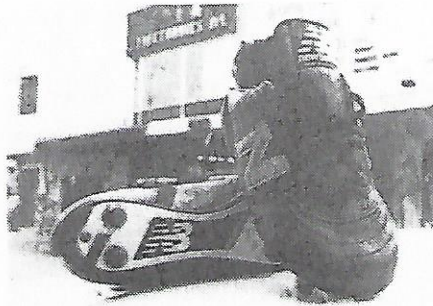
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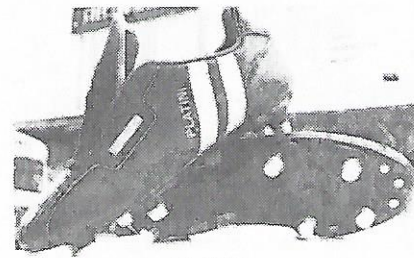
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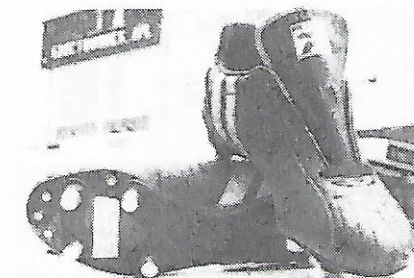
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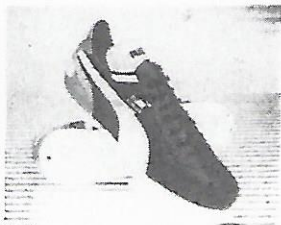


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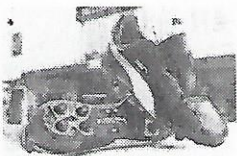


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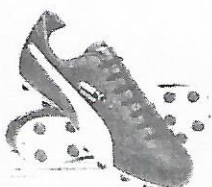
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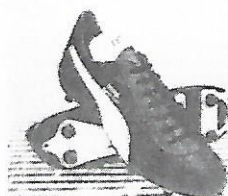
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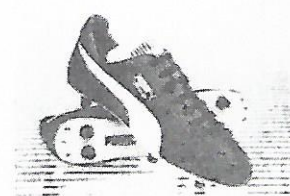
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# OLYMPIC CRASHES!



State Bank Cup  
with ALEX VESIC

Sydney Olympic, the glamor side of Australian soccer, crashed out of the 1987 State Bank Challenge Cup following its defeat at the hands of Blacktown City at St. George Stadium on Sunday.

The side filled with many present and past internationals looked second rate in comparison with this fast, strong-willed, young outfit from Sydney's west.

Raul Blanco was in charge of the young Demons due to the absence of Les Scheinflug. The Australian youth coach was operated on last week but the news of his team's success over Olympic reached the hospital minutes after the match was over.

"I am very happy for Blanco and the boys, and I wish I was with them now," said Scheinflug.

Never one to predict results, Scheinflug would not be drawn into discussion on his team's chances in the semi-finals. To add to our problems the draw for the semis was conducted late last night (Tuesday) making it impossible for 'Soccer Action' to bring it to you.

Other semi-finalists are Croatia and Marconi as well as another State League club — Melita Eagles.

Marconi and Croatia have looked awesome in their matches so far and at this stage must be favored to reach the final should the draw pit the two State League clubs against the NSL teams. However, don't discount Melita and Blacktown. The two sides are favored to battle it out for the NSW State League Premiership and a place in the NSL for 1988.

Let's look at last weekend's big quarter-final clashes:

## Melita Eagles 2 APIA 1

At St. George Stadium  
Scores: Farrugia 29th,  
Farnsworth 85th (ME); Tre-  
dinnick 45th (A).

Melita brushed aside yet another NSL giant on its way into the semi-finals of the State Bank Challenge Cup by defeating APIA Leichhardt in a close tussle with the winner being scored in the closing stages of the match.

The Eagles looked shaky at the start and Burim Zajmi gave Billy Griffiths some anxious moments on the flank. With Tony Cabassi, the 17-year-old fullback, being pushed into the centre of Melita's defence, match was expected of APIA's expensive imports Brown, Baran and Zajmi.

Rod Brown failed to have a shot at goal during the entire match. Baran had a single free kick to his name and only Zajmi showed any enterprise.

To make matters worse, APIA looked all at sea at the back with Arno Bertogna and to an extent Mark Brown the only players to come away with their reputations unscathed.

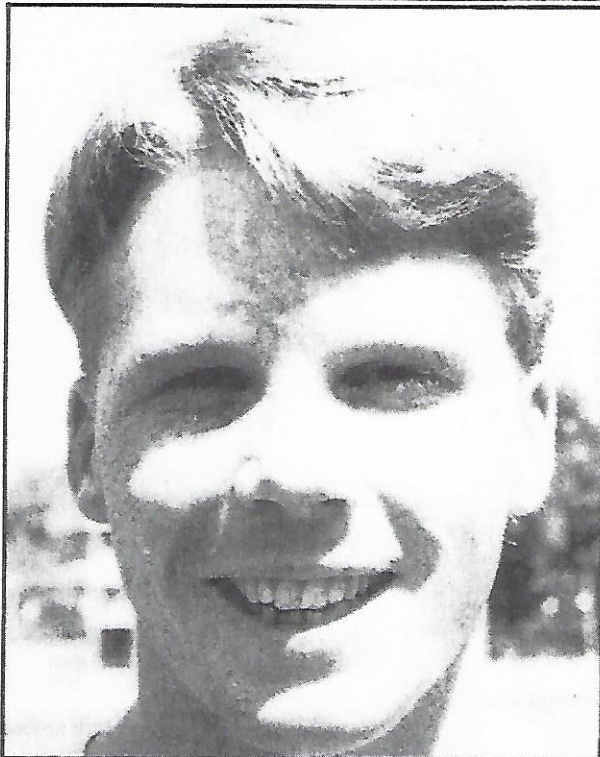
After some early jitters, Melita settled down and started to stroke the ball about looking for an opening. APIA waited for Melita to come at it realising that the offside trap set by Melita could be exploited.

APIA managed to get past the offside trap but more often than not the APIA forwards and in particular Rod Brown, ran wide, allowing Melita's backline to recover.

Anthony Parison made the break in the 13th but was caught at the last moment by the sliding Griffiths who did enough to prevent APIA from scoring.

Peter Tredinnick made the break in the 24th but his shot from 16 metres was well saved by Pupovac.

Then came Melita with Greg Brown having a solid opening in the 28th. He rose high to meet a cross and with the goal at his mercy headed straight at Pezzano. Seconds later, a John Foxman short jab finished at



● Sydney Croatia striker Robbie Slater — scored a hat-trick against Sutherland in Croatia's 3-0 win last weekend.

the feet of Ray Farrugia who waltzed into the penalty area then hit a scorching drive which eluded Pezzano.

Foxman could have made it 2-0 after 35 minutes following a cross by Ken Wilson. Pezzano managed to touch the ball but only to Foxman who could not control it.

Then came a fierce drive which sailed past Pezzano and just wide of the post.

Edward Lorens cleared off

the line after Wayne Farnsworth made the break with two minutes remaining in this half, then came the equaliser right on half time.

The goal, a beautiful one at that, was tucked away by Tredinnick in the 46th minute of the first half, even though no injury time or time added was signalled during this half.

Instead of a comfortable lead, Melita shared the spoils at the halfway mark and all was set for a great struggle in the second period.

APIA took Lorens off and added Dounis to its forward line but to no avail.

The Eagles looked at least a yard faster and accordingly had more chances.

But Tredinnick almost sealed it for APIA as he thundered a right footer from some 25 metres only to see Dragan Pupovac make the best save of the day.

Ray Farrugia tried a similar shot at the other end but Pezzano stopped the ball. Seconds later though, Pezzano failed to stop a shot by Farnsworth which flew into goal from some 25 metres to give Melita Eagles a place in the semi-finals for the second year in a row.

Before this match I was prepared to accept APIA as one of the title contenders for 1987 but I am afraid that on this performance APIA would not rate near the top 10.

## Blacktown 1 Sydney Olympic 0

At St. George Stadium  
Scorer: Naumov 13th.

Bobby Naumov, a discard from Sydney Olympic, returned to St. George Stadium to take sweet revenge on his old side.

He shot one past Gary Maier in the 13th, then missed on a couple of other occasions but his first effort was sufficient to see Blacktown City through to the semi-finals.

Maier managed to get down to the first effort by Naumov in the 8th, but he was not so lucky the second time around as Naumov raced in to pick up a short pass by Kay to slam it into the corner of the net.

Steve Watson was then called upon to make some superb saves before Blacktown assumed complete control.

Watson saved from a superb shot by Raskopoulos then gave a header by Soper, but that alone was all Sydney Olympic could throw at Watson.

Playing with rare maturity, the Demons overwhelmed Sydney Olympic. The Blacktown youngsters played one-two with the speed and gusto of seasoned professionals. Those who rarely go to the matches could have been excused for thinking that this free-flowing soccer was coming from Olympic.

Its strength at the back was obvious. Ralph Maier shackled Chris Kalantzis, Kosmina could do little to erode the confidence of Kurt Reynolds or

against Darren Northam. To make matters worse, Olympic never changed things, with its formation strictly 4-3-3.

For 77 minutes Olympic was a goal behind, but only in the last 10 minutes did Dakos and Ratcliffe come forward looking for an opening!

By then the horse had bolted!

Had Olympic decided to take a more flexible line using Tony Dakos as an extra forward and having Kalantzis and Soper interchanging with Kosmina. Then the youngsters of Blacktown would have had problems.

As it was, Paul Kay dominated in midfield while Ellam, Jeffrey and Sandy never gave Olympic a moment of peace.

In the second time in the last few weeks Olympic suffered the ignominy of being hoisted for its poor play. The first time was against Sutherland in their 0-0 draw.

## Syd. Croatia 3 Sutherland 0

At Marconi Stadium  
Scores: Slater 9th, 15th, 33rd.

Robbie Slater, 'Soccer Action's' NSL Player of the Year for 1986, blitzed Sutherland Shire at Marconi Stadium on Sunday night to give his side a decisive victory.

Croatia came at Sutherland firing on all cylinders and created seven clear-cut chances during the opening 45 minutes. However, some poor management in front of goal and some superb goalkeeping by Craig Burchmore saw Sutherland only three goals down at half time.

Graeme Arnold shook his head in disbelief as Burchmore flung his arm out in a reflex action to make an early save after Drago Rezo made the break on the right hand side.

Only a minute later another cross by Rezo, this time from the left hand side, saw Graham Jennings go up to head the ball but was denied by another superb reflex save from Burchmore.

A first timer, right foot drive by Slater six minutes later from a short pass by Wally Savor saw Burchmore was beaten for the second time. Slater rifled his shot from just inside the box giving the Sutherland keeper no chance.

Arnold faced a Burchmore son after but shot wide, before Slater completed his hat-trick in the 33rd. A cross by Manis Lamond saw Slater race in to score from some seven metres.

Arnold, Savor, Lamond and Odzakov had point blank shots saved during one of the most one-sided 45 minutes seen in this for a century.

Sutherland was so overwhelmed that its first effort by

## BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Naumov 13th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 7150. Referee: Gary Power 9.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson 9. — Maier 8, Sterrey 8, Reynolds 8, Northam 7. — Jeffery 7, Kay 8, Ellam 7, Sandy 8. — Naumov 6, Van Blerk 6 (Sharpe 80th). Coach: Raul Blanco (caretaker).  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier 7. — Dragovic 6, Ratcliffe 6, Dakos 6, Spanoudakis 6. — Motakandis 5 (Phillips 86th), Raskopoulos 5, Katos 5 (Estavillo 46th, 6). — Soper 6, Kosmina 5, Kalantzis 5. Coach: Milan Lukic.

## MELITA EAGLES 2 (Farrugia 29th, Farnsworth 85th) APIA 1 (Tredinnick 46th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 7150. Referee: A. Owens 6.

MELITA: Pupovac 8. — Williams 7, Cabassi 7, Wilson 7, Griffiths 7. — Farnsworth 7, Wellbourn 8, Farrugia 7, Serbas 7, (McFadden 77th). Brown 6, Foxman 6. Coach: Dennis Hoggart.  
APIA: Pezzano 6. — Brady 6, Bertogna 8, Lorens 7 (Dounis 46th-5), M. Brown 7. — Tredinnick 7, Baran 6, Butler 6. — Zaimi 7, Brown 5, Parson 5. Coach: Rale Rasic.

## MARCONI 4 (Farina 20th, 54th, 81st, Gray 16th) ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski 76th) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3250. Referee: Ken Small 7.

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 8, Gomez 7 (Rizzotto 68th), Henderson 7, Wheatley 8. — Mason 8, Gray 7, Lowe 7, Nasteviski 9 (Okon 52nd), Maxwell 6, Farina 9. Coach: Roberto Vieri.  
ST GEORGE: Gibson 5. — Green 5, Owens 6, M. O'Shea 6, Slavski 6. — Potter 6 (Fletcher 65th), Porter 8, Moffitt 7 (Gibbs 65th). Kulchar 5. — Ollerenshaw 7, Petkovski 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

## CROATIA 3 (Slater 9th, 15th, 33rd) SUTHERLAND 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3250. Referee: McConnell 7.

CROATIA: Woodhouse 7. — Savor 8, Viletski 7, Rozic 8, Jennings 8. — Rezo 8 (Cinch 41st — 7), Jones 7, Odzakov 8. — Slater 9 (Cerro 41st), Arnold 6, Lamond 7. Coach: Vedran Rozic.  
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 9. — Nelson 5, Terry 8, Ball 7, Sellar 6 (Burrows 41st — 5). — Cox 5, Meades 6, Harrington 7, Lerond 7. — Duncan 5 (Hill 68th). Sharp 6. Coach: Max Groll.

# Slater and Farina running hot

land almost pulled one back when Woodhouse lost the ball but Sharp failed to react quickly and allowed Woodhouse to block the second attempt. Seconds later a Sharp header hit the crossbar with Woodhouse stranded.

The second half saw Croatia replicate three-goal hero Slater with Gus Cerro, a 17-year-old sensation from Canberra, and Rezo by Shane Clinch. Croatia, intent on snatching home during the second period, dropped a gear or two and allowed Sutherland to show some of its own attacking style.

Sharp shot wide in the 49th, then a superb drive by Mark Harrington drew the best out of Woodhouse in the 60th. But that was just about as far as the Sharks managed to achieve.

A rebound off Odzakov saw the ball sail over Burchmore to hit the woodwork, then came yet another series of Croatia chances. Cerro faced Burchmore in the 65th, then Clinch faced his old team mate in the 77th. But while Cerro simply missed with his shot, Clinch simply nudged the ball straight into the arms of Burchmore.

A superb save by Burchmore from Arnold in the 83rd then from Cerro in the 84th kept the 3-0 scoreline intact with both sides well satisfied at the end of the match.

It was an awesome display of power by Croatia on the eve of the semi-finals with Odzakov in full flight, Lamond hungry for action, and Rozic always willing to come forward. Add the picture of a team which is challenge the best in the State Bank Challenge Cup but will be chasing the NSL league title as well.

## Marconi 4 St. George 1

At Marconi Stadium  
Scores: Farina 20th, 54th, 81st, Gray 16th (M), Petkovski 76th (SG).

Frank Farina was most impressive in last Saturday's quarter-final against Frank Arok's St George, scoring three goals to spearhead his side's charge into the semi-finals.

And while Arok was most impressed with his Socorro striker, he was not so amused to see Marconi's new signing turn it on against St. George Budapest — for obvious reasons.

Farina scored goals, Nasteviski, Wheatley, Mason and Henderson had a picnic, while St. George hardly looked like the side most feared a few years back. Only Stewart Porter and to an extent Scott Ollerenshaw showed any enterprise at all, while the rest of this Saints team looked very ordinary indeed.

Potter and Moffitt tried as hard as they could, Michael O'Shea and Niel Owens looked all at sea and David Green and Kenny Slavski lacked direction in their attack.

Petkovski scored a good goal close to the end but generally looked uncomfortable against

bunch of unheralded Saints some glimmer of hope early. He almost surprised James with an overhead kick close to the line and the ball just rolled past the post! Porter was at it again in the 11th minute when he struck a fierce drive which was tipped around the post for a corner by James.

Gibson made a very good save for the Saints at the other end in the 16th but was beaten seconds later when Paul Carter broke through before slipping a very well weighted pass to Ian Gray. Some 30 metres from goal, Gray surprised Gibson with his thunderous first-merch which flew low and into the corner of the net.

Farina was left totally unmarked inside the area only a few minutes later and his attempted hook deceived Gibson. Farina's shot trickled over the line to make it 2-0.

Saints came back strongly through Porter. His powerful shooting saw Marconi concede two successive corners, then another by Maxwell, then another free kick by Porter and yet another corner from a deflection.

Then came a quick counter attack by Marconi. David Lowe found Zlatko Nasteviski and the Yugoslav was away. As he faced his last stumbling block, he reversed his pass with one of the slickest back-heels I've seen to find an unmarked Gray. Facing Gibson, Gray fired but millimetres wide! And again Nasteviski in the 44th, great through ball for David Lowe who slipped it to Farina but his shot went wide. Saints would have been three down in the 53rd as Nasteviski employed his skills to slip a through ball for Maxwell. The full striker was away but was brought back for an offside on Frank Farina! This is not the first time Marconi's hat-trick hero was caught offside in recent time, and the worst of it was that he failed to come back into an on-side position on time!

In the 54th minute a corner from the left hand side came over and with the Saints defence taking a nap, Farina raced in to head past Gibson.

Saints were well beaten and their sole reply was little consolation.

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# Real faces Red Star

UEFA's draw committee took a Real Madrid v Dynamo Kiev European Champions' Cup Final, potentially one of Europe's greatest ever encounters, a step nearer by not only keeping the two most exciting sides in Europe apart in the quarter-finals, but giving Dynamo a relatively easy tie.

Having just emerged from its close season, the Soviet champion would have been vulnerable to a challenge from any one of half a dozen survivors, but in Besiktas of Turkey is likely to find an easy ticket to the semi-finals when it will be at its formidable, fully match-fit best.

Besiktas reached the last eight by default when its would-be second round opponent, Apollon of Cyprus, declined to meet it on political grounds. A Turkish team has yet to qualify for the semi-finals of a European competition and it is unlikely that history will be made this year.

Dynamo, which very nearly doubles as the Soviet national team, was in exhilarating form when its domestic season ended and has the capability to gain a place alongside the truly great combinations in European football annals and be held in awe, as Real Madrid, Benfica and Ajax Amsterdam were in previous eras — if the Soviet authorities do not over-commit the side as they did with the equally promising Kiev which won the European Cup Winners' Cup and Super Cup in 1975.

Real Madrid, as brilliant as Dynamo on its day though less consistent, is the Ukrainians' likeliest opponent in the final, should the draw keep them apart. Real faces Red Star Belgrade in the quarter-finals and this hurdle is rendered much easier by the Yugoslavs just having recommenced playing after their mid-winter break.

Real should be joined in the semi-finals by fellow Iberians Porto, an experienced team full



Overseas round-up  
with PAUL MOON

of Portuguese internationals including the exciting Paolo Futre and complemented by Brazilian Celso and Algeria's Madjar. Porto almost certainly will be too strong for plucky Brondbyernes, the first Danish team to reach the last eight of the Champions' Cup since 1951.

The fourth and most intriguing pairing matches Bayern Munich and Anderlecht. The season, talented West Germans are looked upon as potential cup winners in some quarters and Anderlecht's pedigree is equally impressive. A little bit of good fortune at a crucial moment is likely to be the deciding factor in this one and, with Eddie Krncevic established in the Belgian club's first team squad, the appearance of an Australian in the Champions' Cup Final is a real, exciting possibility.

If a Champions' Cup Final outing for Krncevic is conceivable, what odds against Mike Petersen gracing the European Cup Winners' Cup Final?

Well, should Petersen cement a place in the Ajax senior squad, the odds are reasonably good.

Ajax is among the strongest of the eight remaining teams in the competition, which look almost motley when compared with the survivors in the other two European competitions.

The Amsterdam club faces the solid, rather unexciting but difficult to beat Malmö, recently crowned Swedish champion. Ajax's two-pronged spearhead of van Basten and Bosman will probably give it the vital edge.

The most impressive side in the earlier stages of the Cup Winners' Cup has been Bor-

deaux and any side containing Patrick Battiston, Jean Tigana and Youslav's Vujovic twins obviously has a great deal going for it.

Quarter-final opponent Torpedo Moscow also looked a more than useful outfit when destroying Stuttgart 7-3 in the previous round, but its ninth placing in the Russian League championship completed last December suggest that result is a flattering indication of its ability. The rusty Moscovites will create a considerable surprise if they advance to the last four.

Like Torpedo, Vitosha Sofia will be going into its tie against Real Zaragoza almost directly from a long period of inactivity enforced by the harshness of eastern Europe's winter.

Real required the away-goal ruling to squeeze past Welsh minnow Wrexham in round two and currently struggle at the wrong end of the Spanish First Division. A victory for it, therefore, can be only predicted with reservation.

Lokomotiv Leipzig too will be handicapped by its recently completed mid-winter break and that might be the vital factor of this clash with Sion of Switzerland.

Small town club Sion (its stadium holds just 13,000) boasts four prominent Swiss internationals plus the champion Moroccan midfielder Aziz Bouderbala and Yugoslavia's Slobodan Rojevic. Prior to this season, Sion had never been seen beyond round one of a European competition, but a semi-final spot is now well within its reach.

In the UEFA Cup, favourites Barcelona would, upon

## KRNCCEVIC, PETERSEN IN EURO FINALS?

first impression, seem assured of a reasonably comfortable passage to the semi-finals at the expense of Scotland's Dundee United.

But, further reflection raises doubts. United has reached European competition quarter-finals four times in the past five years and only wretched luck has prevented it from making a greater continent-wide impact. Also, Barcelona will be preoccupied by its tussle for the Spanish League title with Real Madrid.

This, then, is not the cut and dried issue it originally appeared.

The Torino v Tirol FC pairing too is rather deceptive. Torino is among the elite of Italian football, while most tend to dismiss Tirol (still better known by its former name of Wacker Innsbruck) as merely a nondescript Austrian

provincial outfit. For Torino to be equally complacent would be a dangerous act.

Tirol has undergone a dramatic transformation over the past year, both on and off the pitch, and its Austro-Yugoslav line-up cannot be taken lightly. But, if Junior can recapture his form of earlier rounds, Torino should prevail.

Internazionale Milan, however, probably represents Italy's best chance of winning the cup. With Zenga, Bergoni, Baresi, Passarella, Fanna, Altobelli and Rummenigge in its colours, Inter obviously oozes class, yet its tie against Swedish part-timer IFK Gothenburg is far from a foregone conclusion.

IFK was desperately unlucky not to reach the Champions' Cup Final last year (and, had it got there, would un-

doubtedly have put up a better showing than conqueror Barcelona). It will be defending a record of 19 consecutive UEFA Cup games without defeat.

The Scandinavians' spirit and teamwork will present a severe test for Inter's superstars. It is 22 years since the Milanese lifted a European trophy and, should their team eliminate IFK, "Black and Blues" fans can feel reasonably confident of seeing the drought broken in 1987.

Borussia Mönchengladbach v Vitoria Guimarães provides the UEFA Cup quarter-finals with a fourth fascinating clash.

Borussia is an efficient and experienced combination, whereas Vitoria has won many friends this season through its lively, exciting skilful style.

The West Germans' ability to

subdue Vitoria's Zaire internationals Ndinga and Bassaula could be the key here.

The full draw is:

**Champions' Cup**  
Bayern Munich (West Germany) v Anderlecht (Belgium), Dynamo Kiev (USSR) v Besiktas (Turkey), Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v Real Madrid (Spain), Porto (Portugal) v Brondbyernes (Denmark).

**Cup Winners' Cup**  
Real Zaragoza (Spain) v Vitosha Sofia (Bulgaria), Malmö (Sweden) v Ajax Amsterdam (Holland), Lokomotiv Leipzig (West Germany) v Sion (Switzerland), Bordeaux (France) v Torpedo Moscow (USSR).

**UEFA Cup**  
Dundee United (Scotland) v Barcelona (Spain), IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) v Internazionale Milan (Italy), Borussia Mönchengladbach (West Germany) v Vitoria Guimarães (Portugal), Torino (Italy) v FC Tirol (Austria).

Matches will be played on the mornings of March 5 and 19, Australian time.

## It's not so simple

Former England soccer manager Ron Greenwood once said: "Soccer is a simple game. The hard part is making it look simple."

Some of Europe's soccer administrators seem to be having a hard time coping with the ups and downs of the game.

Authorities in England, Switzerland and Spain all have devised complicated new systems to determine either the title race or promotion and relegation issues in their respective countries.

These involve end-of-season play-offs or carving up of the leagues into two or three sections. And the motives for the changes also differ.

While English officials have reacted to calls for pruning the First Division program — each team plays 42 matches — the Spaniards want to do the opposite and fill out their season with additional revenue-earning matches.

The Swiss plan to reduce their 16-team First Division to four clubs, using complicated play-offs.

Until this season in England, the top three teams from Division Two replaced the bottom three in Division One at the end of each league campaign.

Now, the promotion-relegation system is to change as the First Division is reduced to 20 teams over the next two seasons, and even die-hard soccer

fans are trying hard to understand the new format.

Three teams will automatically go down from Division One at the end of the current season but only two will go up.

To make the new plan work, officials instead have devised a play-off series, whereby the team that finishes fourth from the bottom plays off against the third, fourth and fifth-placed teams in the Second Division.

Football League spokesman Andy Williamson said the main motive for introducing the play-offs was to maintain the interest of a greater number of clubs and their supporters in the last few weeks of the campaign.

In the closing stages of the season, the division polarises

and a great many clubs are playing matches which have very little bearing on the promotion and relegation issues," Williamson said.

"The play-offs may seem complicated, but they mean that more clubs will have something to play for."

The Swiss plan to cut its First Division from the present 16 teams to 12 sets up the possibility of six Division One teams being relegated in one of Europe's most complicated soccer structures.

The bottom two clubs automatically will drop to Division Two, while the four clubs immediately above will fight over two Division One places with four teams from the lower flight.

The Swiss Championship will be staged in two parts, along the same lines as an existing system in neighbouring Austria.

The first 22 games will decide the top eight teams to contest the title in the second half of the season, while the bottom four will engage in a relegation fight with the top four from Division Two.

While the Swiss break their league in half at the midway point, the Spaniards will begin dissecting theirs at the end of the regulation 34-game program.

The top six will play on a round-robin basis for the league title and for places in the UEFA Cup. The teams finishing in the bottom six will wrestle to avoid the drop.

To make matters even more complex, the clubs seven through 12 will play each other for the right to play the league and Spanish cup winners in a new triangular tournament called the Spanish League Cup.

All other European countries are keeping to existing formats.

Although Greek administrators are trimming the size of their league from 76 to 52 pro-

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## Barcelona's Spanish Cup KO surprise

● Bruno Mora, who won 21 caps for Italy, an Italian League Championship medal with Juventus and a European Champions' Cup medal with AC Milan, has died at the age of 49. Mora had, in recent years, been youth coach at Parma.

● The Copa America (South American championship) will be played in Argentina between June 27 and July 12. All 10 members of the South American Confederation will compete.

● Tele Santana, who coached Brazil at the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals, has taken charge of the Saudi Arabian club Al Ahli.

● The \$500,000 transfer of Derek Statham from West Bromwich Albion to Liverpool has fallen through following the former England international full back's failure of a medical examination.

● Atletico Osasuna created the biggest surprise of the Spanish Cup's fourth round when eliminating Barcelona. Osasuna won on penalties after the two teams had scored one goal each in their two leg tie.

Greek First Division side Iraklis which beat it 1-0 in a friendly fixture in Crete.

● England B international striker Mike Flanagan, who was reported to be contemplating a move to South Melbourne Hellas a year ago, has been forced into retirement by a knee injury.

● Portuguese defender Alvaro has been reinstated to his country's national squad. He was one of 22 players suspended after Portugal's entire World Cup squad threatened to strike over a bonus dispute in Mexico last year.

● Former England international striker Frank Worthington who, some reports insisted, turned down a move to West Adelaide Hellas last year in order to become manager of Tranmere Rovers, has been dismissed by the English Fourth Division club. Rovers are believed to be \$1,000,000 in debt.

● Austrian coach Ernest Happel, who is to leave SV Hamburg at the end of the current West German season, has been offered the post of technical director by Saudi Arabia's federation. Should he accept, he will receive \$3,000,000 over four years plus a house, a limousine and a chauffeur.



# Brack: Gully lucky to beat us

By  
JOHN  
MANGAN

players are able to turn so much more quickly as well. These are the things that have really struck me about the differences between the leagues."

Brack is not at all dismayed by the fact that Croydon is not up among the leaders in the Buffalo Cup.

"Sure, we'd like to be winning games, but in a tournament like this where you're up against NSL clubs you can't go out there expecting to win, but we're making the most of it."

Brack particularly values the opportunity at Croydon to be playing alongside experienced players like Jim O'Reilly, Dave Brogan, Graham French and, of course, coach Jim Tansey.

"One of the reasons I chose to sign for Croydon was that I already knew a few of the boys of the club, as well as the fact that their ground was relatively close to where I live."

"I first considered leaving Mooroolbark at the beginning of last season but nothing came of it. Then I began this season spending a week training at Box Hill and then four weeks training with Melbourne Croatia. Travelling to train with them was a problem."

Not that Brack is intimidated by great distances. Vice-captaining Victoria at under-13 level he went with the team to Darwin where it won the Australian championship.

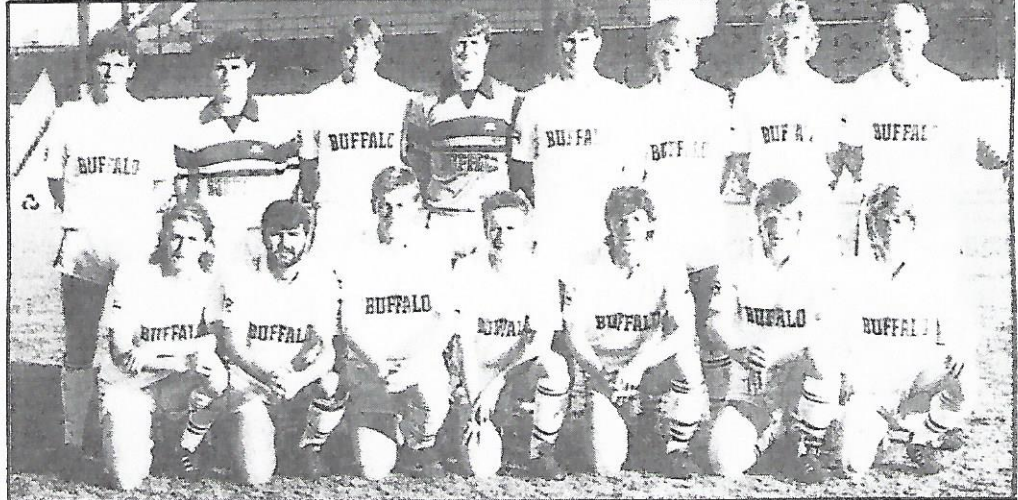
Brack got his first game in the Mooroolbark senior team in 1983 — at age 14. In a team with experienced players like Joe Tront, Paul Priestley and Hugh McCann, Brack spent the 1984 season cementing a position and by 1985 was a regular.

And having made the move, how does he rate Croydon's chances this season?

"To tell the truth, I haven't been particularly impressed by any of the State League teams we've played. Green Gully are the team that everyone is talking about, but they were lucky to beat us, so I think we'll be there or thereabouts at the end of the year."

With Croydon one of the State League teams battling it out in the Buffalo Gold Cup, it has been a baptism of fire.

"I was marking Danny Ward in our game against Green Gully and he was just that much faster than I'm used to. I.e



© Croydon, back row: Dave Brogan, Corrado Nobile, Greg Brack, Keith Waterman, Graham French, Jason Harbinson, Ian Marshall, Jim Tansey. Front row: Roy O'Shea, Alex Livingstone, Jim Nelson, Matt McDonald, Steve Beech, Mark Brown, Darren Cooper. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## Worthington sings Tassie's praises

By  
WALTER PLESS

Eric Worthington, the national director of coaching, believes that Tasmania must be doing something right if it can produce two current national team captains.

Worthington was speaking at a one-day seminar on coaching and administration, conducted by the Tasmanian Soccer Association recently.

Alan Vest, the director of coaching in NSW, Ken Morton, the Tasmanian coaching director, and John Howlin, representing the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, were other speakers at the seminar.

I don't think it's commonly known that Tasmania must be doing something very good because the State has produced the current national under-16 captain and the national youth captain." Worthington said.

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win, while Launceston's Kurt Reynolds has captained the Australian youth team.

"People should be constantly reminded of that, and also of the fact that Tasmania has more than its share, pro-rata, of positions at the Institute of Sport."

"Whether it's due to the standard of play going up, or whether it's that coaches are working harder, or that they are more skilful, I don't know. But something is going on, somewhere, to the credit of Tasmania and I would want to keep reminding people of that."

Worthington, who has been the national coaching director for 14 years now, said he had seen tremendous changes in that time.

One of the most significant had been the employment of full-time directors of coaching in all States.

The recent change in the level of three courses, which now comprised four parts spread over a two-year period instead of one nine-day residential course, had been a tremendous success.

"Under the old system, we were expecting people who were, in some cases, already good coaches, to change their coaching behaviour in nine days, which, I suppose, most psychologists would tell you is impossible."

"We therefore looked again at what one ought to expect and decided that if there are any skills or techniques to be learned in coaching, it should take place over a longer period of time."

"Everyone appears to think that the new four-part level three course is far superior to our old methods."

Surprisingly, perhaps, for a man in his position, Worthington believes that coaching courses are not necessarily essential for all would-be coaches.

"There are people who, because of their special qualities are not too happy about attending courses," he said.

"I would go so far as to say that, perhaps, some coaches do not need to attend coaching courses."

"For example, if you look at the qualities that are required of a coach, the kind of personal qualities and experience, it's not unusual to find people with the whole battery of these qualities."

"They may have been very good players, or they may have been coached very well, and they are intelligent and therefore understand what is going on."

"Their personal qualities might also include leadership qualities and good looks, and that kind of thing, so that they

stand out as leaders, and what more do you want?"

"For such people, I think the only thing that might be missing is to confirm that what a coach understands to be his skill is good skill and not bad skill."

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© Eric Worthington: "Perhaps some coaches do not need to attend coaching courses."

## Victorian and Provisional Cup draws

Here is the draw for the First Preliminary Round of the Victorian League Cup to be held on Saturday, 14 March, kick-off 3pm:

Lalor United v Albion Rovers, Altona Gate v Werribee, Clifton Hill v North Geelong, Bell Park v Westgate, Doncaster Rovers v Knox City, Williamstown v Coburg, Ringwood United v Essendon City, Mooroolbark v Waverley City, Bulleen v Ferntree Gully, Holland Park v Sunbury United, Rosanna v Langwarrin, Altona City v Hamlyn Rangers, Keysborough v North Dandenong, Port Melbourne v Dandenong City, Karingal United v Yallourn, Pascoe Vale v Hawthorn Citizens, Nunawading City v Keilor, Clarinda v Prahran City.

BYES: Yarraville, Springvale United, Sandringham City, Ringwood City, S.M. Mordialloc, Boroona, Moreland Park Rangers, West Brunswick, Seaford United, Melbourne, Diamond Valley United, Doveton, Prahran, Moorabbin City.

Here is the draw for the First Preliminary Round of the Provisional League Cup to be played on Saturday, 14 March, kick-off 3pm:

Mitcham v Wantirna, Ivanhoe City v Waverley United, Ascot St Marks v Ardeer, Burwood United v Cranbourne, Mulgrave v Brunswick City, Lyndale United v Kensington United, Mossfield v Carrum United, Batman United v Monash University, Regent v Monbulk, Dingley United v Meadow Park, Riversdale v South Yarra, Ringwood Rovers v Eagles United, Clayton v Melton.

BYES: Ascot Vale City, South Springvale, Skye Rovers, Central City, Lalor, North Sunshine, Berwick City, Chelsea, Forest Hill, Uni of Melbourne, West United, Springvale Condors, Port United, Altona United, Ballarat, Brintons, Malvern City, St Kilda, Balclutha.

Here is the draw for the First Preliminary Round of the Provisional League Reserve Cup to be played on Saturday, 14 March, kick-off 1pm:

Batman United v Mulgrave, Riversdale v St Kilda, Ringwood Rovers v Malvern City,

## LORENS, BARAN STARRED IN POLAND

APIA Leichhardt's Polish imports Eduard Lorens and Janusz Baran certainly brought a wealth of experience with them to Australia.

Lorens made 177 appearances and scored 71 goals during a Polish League career which saw service at Promien Zary, ROW Rybnik and Ruch Chorzow. He won a league champions' medal with the latter in 1979.

Baran played six games fewer and notched two goals less, yet he can claim the slightly better pedigree — having won a senior international cap. This was gained against Rumania in August, 1979.

Much of Baran's league experience was acquired at Legia Warszawa, the club he helped win the Polish Cup in 1980 and 1981 and represented in the European Cup Winners' Cup. Earlier, he wore the colors of Stalowa Wola.

Both Lorens and Baran celebrate birthdays during the close season — Lorens his 33d on December 28 and Baran a 30th on January 16.

Neither set the world on fire during their debut season with APIA last year, but Baran in particular did give occasional glimpses of delightful skills. Hopefully, the undoubted class of the Polish pair will be more evident in 1987.

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# In rialzo le azioni della Juve

Eddie Campbell rimarrà in bianconero almeno per questa stagione! Il brillante terzino che fu uno degli artefici principali dello scudetto nazionale due anni fa, ha raggiunto un accordo con la società e sarà perciò nuovamente a disposizione dell'allenatore McKendry.

Questa è di gran lunga la miglior notizia che la tifoseria bianconera ha avuto da alcune settimane e, allo stesso tempo, una delle cose più sentite fatte dal comitato in tempi recenti. Ce da augurarsi ora che alcune divergenze di vedute fra il giocatore e la direzione tecnica della squadra siano anche messe da parte; l'anno scorso infatti Campbell ebbe una stagione all'incanto incolore appunto a causa di certe incomprensioni.

Il ritorno di Campbell imporrà l'avanzamento di Fabio Incantulo, terzino d'emergenza nelle prime quattro uscite di coppa notturna, in una posizione più consona alle sue doti tecniche

ed al suo ritrovato ottimo grado di forma; idealmente egli dovrebbe riprendere il suo vecchio ruolo sulla fascia laterale sinistra da dove potrebbe far partire i suoi dosatissimi lanci o avanzare in posizione di tiro per lanciare le sue famose bordate di sinistro.

Combinazione però, Scott Patterson quest'anno sta facendo cose egregie proprio in tale posizione e certamente non merita di essere spedito in panchina per fare posto a Fabio. A meno che non si volessero provare alcuni spostamenti, a dir poco interessanti.

Per esempio, si potrebbe anche arretrare Sean Lane a mezzapunta visto e considerato che il giocatore sembra piuttosto timido sotto porta, mentre ha dimostrato anche nelle sue apparizioni in sordina di avere una buona tecnica ed una predilezione per fare gioco piuttosto che per assumere le vesti di kamicaze. Alla fin dei conti le sue partite migliori nel Preston le ha fatte proprio in posizione arretrata.

Con Lane dietro la

prima fila, Patterson potrebbe tornare a far la spalla di Zinni (purché il suo miglioramento sia dovuto a motivi diversi dal cambiamento di posizione rispetto all'anno scorso). Questo a sua volta lascerebbe via libera ad Incantulo.

Una delle altre due posizioni a centrocampo andrebbe di diritto a Durakovic che potrebbe ben presto diventare un altro Paul Wade in quanto a rendimento per l'economia della squadra, anche se tecnicamente i due giocatori saranno sempre molto diversi.

A chi dare la quarta posizione a centrocampo non è scelta facile. Fra il veterano Cullen che è pur sempre capace di fare la sua parte, il giovanissimo Grbac che è pur sempre capace di fare la sua parte, il giovanissimo Grbac che è pur sempre capace di fare la sua parte, il giovanissimo Mehmet si è rivelato indispensabile a centrocampo.

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sceso in campo con i "grandi", anche se le sue pretese possono essere più miti rispetto agli altri quattro contendenti.

Naturalmente però il possibile rientro di Dowie fra qualche mese potrebbe mettere tutti quanti d'accordo. In tal caso il numero dei contendenti salirebbe a cinque con l'aggiunta di Incantulo o di Patterson, a seconda degli schemi adottati dall'allenatore.

Questo affollamento a centrocampo difficilmente si diraderà anche se qualche fall dovesse aprirsi in difesa, poiché in tal caso non sarebbe poi tanto automatico l'arretramento di Durakovic; sia perché Vesnaver ha dimostrato ampiamente di essere un validissimo rincalzo per almeno due posizioni difensive, sia perché l'inarrestabile Mehmet si è rivelato indispensabile a centrocampo.

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contenere le manovre avversarie, Durakovic si è rivelato un inesorabile "distruzione" degno del miglior Miranda e del miglior Lloyd di vecchia fama.

A differenza di questi due giocatori che eccellevano appunto nel "distruzione", Durakovic ha anche ben impressionato come ottimo suggeritore degli avanti, sapiente smistatore e sorprendentemente realizzatore.

E stata appunto la sua prova altamente redditizia (anche se non del tutto "classica") che ha fatto la maggior differenza fra la Juventus abulica ed indecisa delle settimane precedenti e quella briosa e ficcante di sabato scorso.

Con Durakovic che rompeva e lanciava in avanti finalmente la difesa non si è più trovata sotto pressione e gli avanti hanno avuto un maggior e miglior servizio. La maluscola prova dello scatenato Zinni e anche da ascrivere in parte all'ap-

porto del suo vecchio compagno di infanzia calcistica (i due, e Palatidis, giocavano assieme nel Port Melbourne da ragazzi).

A onor del vero bisogna dire che il rientro di yzendoorn ha fatto anche molta differenza in difesa e nel nascente di molte mosse offensive. Tutto sommato, fra il ritorno di Campbell, e la brillante prova offerta dalla squadra sabato scorso, è lecito dire che la situazione generale è migliorata a perdita d'occhio nel breve spazio di una settimana.

Se dovessimo rispondere adesso all'interrogativo posto da noi stessi la settimana scorsa ("Juventus, squadra o squadrone?"), saremmo propensi ad essere ottimisti. Comunque ancora alcuni fattori debbono essere risolti prima che si possa avere la certezza che anche quest'anno le zebre di Melbourne potranno essere fra i primi della classe in un campionato che sembra portato a fare un note-

vole salto di qualità.

Il fattore più determinante e sempre quello rappresentato da Sean Lane. Riuscirà a rendere secondo le grandi aspettative nel ruolo di punta, o dovrà essere spostato a mezzapunta? Da questo chiarimento dipenderà gran parte di quell'ulteriore miglioramento di cui la Juventus ha ancora bisogno.

Altra interessante alternativa sono quelle proposte dal possibile recupero di Dowie che l'anno scorso è stato messo fuori causa da una serie di infortuni e che si sta ora riprendendo da una operazione.

Un Lane che andasse a "tutti i cilindri" ed un Dowie completamente ristabilito, sarebbero due armi micidiali per la Juventus formato 1987.

Domenica, contro il Frankston Pines, la Juventus cercherà di compiere il miracolo di qualificarsi per le semifinali del torneo notturno... a condizione che Preston e Croatia paragonino fra di loro o che il George Cross inciampi con il St Albans.

Marconi e Juventus di Adelaide hanno passato il primo turno dei rispettivi tornei statali a pieno punteggio, mentre l'APIA non l'ha fatta.

# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## ZAKASNELA POBEDA

Tek 8.4. Kolu Nociog Buf-fallo Kupa JUST je zabeležio prvu pobedu u ovoj sezoni, posto je savladao Green Gully Ajax sa 2:1 (8:4). Ne može se govoriti o velikoj igri, ali oigledno je da Sekularac sa uspehom stvara novi tim, prvi put je video u akciji Miki Voa, koji je neopravdano izostavljen protiv Heidelberg Aleksandra.

Odbrana je ponovo u zadnjim sekundama igre primila gol, što se treći put dogadja ove godine, iako golman Zoran Vlainic ni jedanput nije bio kriv. Progresli su odbranbeni igrači, koji su uvek igraju naivno i skloni su panici u završnici igre.

Iz odbrane ce verovatno otpasti Ljube Petrovski, koji je posle utakmice sa Ajaksom zatražio ispisnicu.

Poslednja utakmica u Nocnom kupu "plavi" igraju protiv Box Hilla. Utakmica ce dobro doći Sekularcu da izvrši poslednje eksperimente pre pocetka prvenstva Jedinstvene Nacionalne lige, od koje nas razdvaja tacno mesec dana. Razume se, i taj se period može korisno iskoristiti, mada je verovatno da ce igrači Kup utakmice.

Sekularac ce sigurno sa upravnim potrazići jos jednog odgovornog igrača za odbranu na lokalnom trzistu, dok za napaval ocekuje dva igrača iz Jugoslavije.

## MAKEDONIJA RAZOCARALA

Do susreta sa Juventusom

## Preston Makedonija je za-jedno sa Hellasom bila favorit za osvajanje Nocnog kupa.

Medjutim, prošle subote nisu se mogli prepoznati Zoran Ilić i njegova družina. Igrali su bez odusevljenja i sistema, tako da su od gotovog napravili veresiju. Razume se, imaju jos uvek teorijski sansi da se plasiraju u polufinale. Medjutim, nije dovoljno da pobeđe Croatia u zadnjem susretu, jer im je to poslednji susret, dok Croatia igra i zaostalu utakmicu protiv St. Albans Dinama.

Kandidati iz "A" grupe za polufinale su neoporno George Cross i Melbourne Croatia, dok je Juventus zakasnio, a Makedonija prolizala svoje sansi.

Iz "B" grupe u polufinale ce se plasirati gotovo sigurno Hellas i Aleksandar.

## PRIJATELJSKE I KUP UTAKMICE

U takmičenju za Altona Kup Mladost je izgubila i drugu utakmicu protiv domaćina Altona City sa 2:1 (6:1), tako da je ispala iz daljeg takmičenja.

Ostali klubovi su odigrali niz prijateljskih utakmica. U tome su najaktivniji Westgate SINDJELIC, "Plavi" iz Springvale, Central City Crvena zvezda.

Prijateljski susret između Sindjelica i Ringwood Srbije pre dve nedelje su nereseno 1:1.

Prošle nedelje Dandenong City je pobedio Ringwood Srbiju sa 2:1 dok je prijateljski

susret između Altona City i Sindjelica domaći sudija prekinuo u 44. minutu kod stanjina 1:1 zbog preprike sa igračima.

## SPRINGVALE UNITED — CENTRAL CITY/C. ZVEZDA

1:2 (0:1) u Keysboroughu.

Streli: Dragan Milenkovic iz strahovitog voleja sa 18 metara i Bora Andjelkovic za Zvezdu, Cane Veleviski pred krak igre za "Plave".

## SPRINGVALE UNITED — SPRINGVALE CITY

3:1 (2:0). Razigrani i borbeni "Plavi" zasluženo su savladali clana Drzavne lige na njegovom terenu.

Streli: Peter Lutgens 2 i Dragoslav Jelicic za "Plave", dok je jedini gol za Springvale City postigao Dragan Vasic, koji je prošle nedelje presao iz Sindjelica.

Springvale City je posle toga igrao prijateljsku utakmicu sa Hawthornom, koja se savršila nereseno 2:2. Dragan Vasic se ponovo upisao u strele.

## SPRINGVALE UNITED — CLAYTON/INTER

6:2 (2:1). "Plavi" su ubedljivo dobili re-vans susret na svom terenu posle su prvi put igrali nereseno.

Streli za Springvale United: Peter Lutgens 3, Aleksandar-

Cane Veleviski, Dragoslav Jelicic i Goran Filipovski.

U predgri rezervu Springvale Uniteda pobedila je drugi tim Clayton/Intera sa 3:2 (2:1). Streli: Predrag Pjanic, Rade Colic i Toma Lovric.

## PASCOE VALE/PELISTER — CRVENA ZVEZDA

1:0 (1:0). Pelister je posle velike borbe pobedio starog rivala iz Pro-vincionalne divizije. Jedini gol postigao je Tony Centarino, koga je bez uspeha vrbovao Westgate.

U predgri su rezerve igrali nereseno 0:0.

## POVUKLA SE RICHMOND BOSNA

Iako se prijavila za novu sezonu Richmond Bosna je odlucila da se povuce sa fudbalskog polja, na kome se uspesno takmicila citavu jednu deceniju.

Razlog povijacanja je izgleda finansijske prirode, iako je Bosna Utd. bila pravi amaterski tim. Medjutim, troškovi su stalno rasli, a prihodi su bili neznatni. Za sve troskove prema savezu, za sudije, za igraliste i opremu, igrali su se bez entuzijasta. Bili su to: Murat Musovic, Muhamed Tubic, Mehmed Omervic i jos par njih. Igraci su slobodni da pridju kome zele klubu. Tako nam bar recce Zeljko Mikulic.

## POCETAK DOCKERT KUPA

U sobotu 28. februara pocinje najstarije fudbalsko takmicenje u Australiji — Dockert Cup. Prve utakmice za ovaj tradicionalni pehar odigrane su 1948. godine. JUST je prvi etnicki klub koji ga je osvojio 1981. godine.

Ove godine igraju se dva preliminarina kola pre pocetka glavnog takmicenja.

U prvom preliminarom kolu, u sobotu 28. februara igraju Jugo derbi Pascoe Vale Pelister i Williamstown Mladost na Richards Reserve Charles Street, Coburg, My. 17 P.9.

## ALTONA GATE VARDAR igra u gostima protiv MOOR-ABBIN CITY — a.

Ostale utakmice 1. preliminar-nog kola:

WESTGATE SINDJELIC v. DANDENONG CITY na igralistu Sindjelica.

LALOR UTD/SLOGA v. S.M. MORDIALLOC na H.R. Uren Reserve, Victoria Drive, Thomastown, My8 D.8.

SUNBURY UNITED v. RINGWOOD UTD/SRBIA na Langama Parku, Mitchell Lane, Sunbury, My.112 H.10.

ESSENDON CITY/TRIESTINA v. NORTH GEELONG/CROATIA.

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ΟΙ ΥΠΕΥΘΥΝΟΙ της Ν.Ελλάς άφησαν χωρίς σχετική άδεια να προπονηθεί μαζί τους παίκτης της άδεας Γιάραβιλ. Μάλιστα ο ηγέτης του συλλόγου άδης Καρυνίτης μου είπε ότι "πήγε κάποιος από την άδεα αλλά τον έβλεπε γιατί δεν είχε άδεια από τον συλλογικό του..."

Τώρα ποιος λέει αλήθεια εγώ ή ο πρόεδρος της Ν.Ελλάς;

## ΜΑΛΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

φορέσουν την φανέλα του συλλόγου να τηλεφωνήσουν στον Άβα Κωστοκανέλλη (251794 μετά τις 6.00 μ.μ.)

## ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ

ΣΕ φιλικό αγώνα η Δόξα Γιάραβιλ νίκησε το Σάουντ Σπρινκβατλ 6-1 με γκολ των Τζ. Γκιλλαν 3, Τζιμ Στρατάν 2 και Πάβ Καρυνίδη. Το γκολ του Σ.Σπρινκβατλ πέτυχε ο Μαύρος. Η ομάδα του Γιάραβιλ άφησε αρκετές εντυπώσεις παρά την απουσία των Τζ. Δημητρίου, Σουβίνιου, Τερζάκη, Ν.Μελέτι.

Αφού η Δόξα έβλεπε φιλικόν αγώνα εκτός έδρας με την Πανελλήνιο και το Σάββατο πάλι εκτός έδρας (3.00 μ.μ.) η Β' ομάδα 5.00 μ.μ. η Α' ομάδα παίζει με το Μάλβερν Σίτυ.

Άρχισαν οι εγγραφές των Τζοβνιόρς του συλλόγου και οι ενδιαφερόμενοι γονείς να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 68 2068.

## ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΩΝ

ΣΥΝΕΚΙΣΤΗΚΑΝ οι προκριματικοί αγώνες του Κυπέλλου των Παλαιμάχων την περασμένη Κυριακή από όπου πέρασαν στην ημιτελική φάση 4 ομάδες.

ήσαν ανευ αγώνος του Πέλοπα και το Γκ. Σποτ αντιστοιχία.

Την Κυριακή στον πρώτο ημιτελικό παίχουν ΚΑΛΠΙΝΤΑ — ΓΚΑΡΒΤΕΝ ΓΟΥΕΤ (1.00) και ΠΑΝΑΧΑΤΗΚ — ΜΕ ΣΚΑΗ ή ΓΟΥΑΡΕΥΑ Στις 3.00 μ.μ.

Οι αγώνες θα είναι διάρκειας 45 λεπτών το κάθε ημίχρονο.

## ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ — ΚΡΑΦΑΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ

ΤΗΝ Κυριακή 1 Μαρτίου στο παλιό γήπεδο της Δόξας θα γίνει ένας φιλικός αλλά με μεγάλο ενδιαφέρον αγώνας. Η Δόξα θα αντιμετωπίσει το Κλάφλιντ Σίτυ του Στέτη Λήγκ. Θα προηγηθεί αγώνας των αναπληρωματικών ομάδων (3.00) και στις 5.00 μ.μ. θα παίξουν οι τακτικές ομάδες.

Το γήπεδο βρίσκεται στο EDWARDS RESERVE BRUNEL ST, SPOTSWOOD NY 41 G12.

Τό Δ.Συμβούλιο της Δόξας και ο προπονητής ευχαριστούν το Κλάφλιντ για την φιλική συνάντηση ως επίσης και τον τεχνικό του συλλόγου Τάκη Σβρίγγο.

## ΩΚΑΗ

ΣΗΜΕΡΑ αρχίζουν τις προπονήσεις τα Τζοβ









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VS

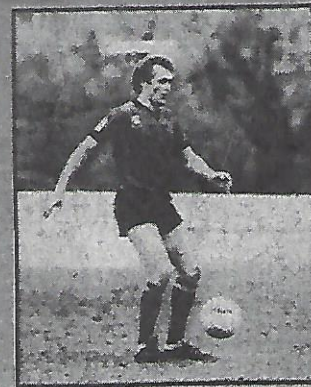
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